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STEWART ALSOP; JOSEPH ALSOP; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ESPIONAGE - X.
EFFORTS AS LATE AS 4:00 P. M. THIS DATE TO CONTACT COLONEL
SIDNEY S. RUBENSTEIN, EITHER AT HIS PENTAGON OFFICE OR RESIDENCE,
HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AND CONTINUING EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO
ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH HIM AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. IT IS
EXPECTED THAT RUBENSTEIN MAY BE CONTACTED BEFORE MONDAY,
JANUARY 8, 1951, FOR CONFERENCE THAT DATE. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
BEEN EFFECTED FOR CONFERENCE WITH MR. GORDON DEAN, CHAIRMAN,
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, AT HIS OFFICE MONDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.,
JANUARY 8, 1951.

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STEWART ALSOP; JOSEPH ALSOP; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ESP - X. WHEN INTERVIEWED TODAY,
GORDON DEAN, CHAIRMAN, AEC, ADVISED ALSOP ARTICLE, "HOW RED A-BLAST WAS DETECTED",
WAS BASED ON INFORMATION ORIGINALLY CONTAINED IN A REPORT PREPARED BY RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

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THIS REPORT OF RDB WAS AUTHORED BY SCIENTIFIC GROUP

CONSISTING OF DR. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. PARSONS, ROBERT FOX
BACHER, DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, WITH MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH NICHOLS, OSD, SITTING IN. THIS
REPORT, SO FAR AS DEAN RECALLS, WAS NOT GIVEN WIDE DISSEMINATION, AND A SINGLE COPY
WAS BROUGHT TO AEC FOR EXAMINATION, AND DELIVERED BY HAND BY MAJOR GENERAL D. M.
SCHLATTER, PRESENTLY ATTACHED TO DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH COMMAND. DEAN STATED THE
COPY OF THIS REPORT ABOVE MENTIONED WAS NOT RETAINED BY AEC. DURING INTERVIEW WITH
DEAN, HE BROUGHT IN DR. WALTER F. COLBY, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, AEC, AND HIS
ASSISTANT, DR. MALCOLM HENDERSON. DEAN, COLBY AND HENDERSON AGREE THAT INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE REPORT ON A-BLAST DETECTION KNOWN TO LESS THAN TEN PERSONS IN AEC.
ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW SCHLATTER TO IDENTIFY ENTIRE DISSEMINATION OF
THIS REPORT AT AEC. DR. COLBY IS DEFINITELY OF THE OPINION THAT THE PHRASEOLOGY IN
ALSOP ARTICLE ON A-BLAST DETECTION COINCIDES WITH PHRASEOLOGY APPEARING ON ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT OR ON PERTINENT EXCERPTS THEREOF. COLBY SUGGESTS THE STRONG POSSIBILITY

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THAT EXCERPTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, AND INCORPORATED INTO OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS BEARING SUCH EXCERPTS. COLBY, HENDERSON AND DEAN POINTED UP THE POSSIBILITY THAT PARTICULAR STATEMENTS IN A-BLAST DETECTION ARTICLE APPEAR TO BE MERE EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL RDB REPORT AND THAT ENTIRE RDB REPORT WAS NOT USED IN ARTICLE. THEREFORE, THEY SUGGEST POSSIBILITY THAT THE AUTHORSHIP RESULTED FROM EITHER A PERSONAL BRIEFING DIRECTLY FROM THE ORIGINAL RDB REPORT, OR FROM PERTINENT EXCERPTS OF THE RDB REPORT CONTAINED IN ANOTHER DOCUMENT. ALL THREE OFFICIALS AGREE THAT ALSO ARTICLE ON A-BLAST WAS PREPARED PURPOSELY TO MISLEAD THE READER IN ORDER TO COVER SOURCE. THIS WAS CONCLUDED DUE TO THE FOLLOWING: THREE METHODS FOR DETERMINING OCCURRENCE OF A-BLAST WERE MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE. THE FIRST TWO METHODS, CONSISTING OF USE OF SEISMOLOGICAL STATIONS AND USE OF GEIGER COUNTERS, ACTUALLY FAILED, AND THE THIRD METHOD INVOLVING AIR SAMPLES DID RESULT IN POSITIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF BLAST. THESE OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT WHOEVER WAS ACQUAINTED WITH EXISTENCE OF FIRST TWO METHODS WOULD ALSO KNOW OF THE FAILURE OF THESE TWO METHODS. ARTICLE INDICATED ALL THREE METHODS CONTRIBUTED TO A-BLAST DISCOVERY.

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[REDACTED] COLBY REFERRED TO MENTION OF SENATOR BREWSTER IN ARTICLE AND TO POSSIBILITY OF DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO REFUTE BREWSTER'S DENIAL OF EXISTENCE OF SOVIET A-BOMB. DEAN THEN REMARKED THAT WHEN FORRESTAL WAS DEFENSE SECRETARY, IT WAS GENERALLY KNOWN THE ALSOPS OFFICIALLY WERE GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE RUN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THAT DEFENSE OFFICIALS WERE INSTRUCTED TO OPEN FILES TO ALSOPS; ALSO THAT ALSOPS HAVE BEEN PRESENT AS THE ONLY OUTSIDERS AT SOCIAL PARTIES ATTENDED BY HIGH DEFENSE OFFICIALS; ALSO THAT ALSOPS HAVE CAPITALIZED ON THIS FORMER LICENSE AND NO DOUBT HAVE CONTINUED SUCH RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUCH OFFICIALS ON A PERSONAL BASIS. DIRECTLY AFTER APPEARANCE OF A-BLAST ARTICLE, DEAN SPOKE WITH ROBERT

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LeBARON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND CHAIRMAN, MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE, RE
ALSOPS' ACCESS TO HIGH PLACES. LeBARON TO BE INTERVIEWED. RE ALSOP ARTICLE "THE
KREMLIN'S GROWING STOCKPILE", DEAN, COLBY AND HENDERSON BELIEVE THIS ARTICLE WAS
BASED UPON ORIGINAL [REDACTED]

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TO OTHER DOCUMENT OR DOCUMENTS, CONTAINING ABSTRACTS OR EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT. THEY POINTED TO PHRASEOLOGY IN THIRD PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE: "IT IS EXPECTED
THAT IT WILL COME INTO PRODUCTION AT ABOUT BEGINNING OF 1952". CONCERNING SAME
ARTICLE, COLBY CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL C. P. CABELL, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, OFFICE,
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, AIR FORCE OPERATIONS, USAF. THIS CONTACT WAS MADE SUBSEQUENT
TO THE APPEARANCE OF THIS ARTICLE. CABELL TOLD HIM THAT AIR FORCE HAD NOT YET
INSTITUTED ANY INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE LEAK AND COLBY SUGGESTED THAT CABELL IN-
STITUTE IMMEDIATELY SUCH AN INVESTIGATION AT THAT SERVICE. COLBY SAID DEFENSE DEPART-
MENT WAS CONFIDENT LEAK HAD OCCURRED "ON THE HILL". DEAN AND HENDERSON BELIEVED LEAK
PROBABLY NOT "ON THE HILL" BUT MORE LIKELY FROM AIR FORCE OR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.
CONCERNING OFFICIAL DATA SET FORTH IN KREMLIN STOCKPILE ARTICLE, DEAN SAID [REDACTED]

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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL JAMES LAY, JR., SUCCESSOR TO ADMIRAL SIDNEY SOUERS, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. NO CONTACT BEING MADE WITH GENERAL LAY, JR. WITHOUT BUREAU AUTHORIZATION. DEAN POINTED OUT LIKELIHOOD THAT THE PERTINENT DOCUMENTS WERE SYNOPSISIZED AT NSC IN FORM OF COVER MEMORANDA WHICH WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE DOCUMENTS AND TAKEN TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY ADMIRAL SOUERS OR HIS SUCCESSOR. DEAN, COLBY AND HENDERSON WERE DIRECTLY ASKED IF THEY HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE LEAK TO ALSOPS OCCURRED AND IF THEY WERE AWARE OF ANY OF ALSOPS' GOVERNMENT CONTACTS. DEAN WAS CONFIDENT LEAK DID NOT OCCUR AT AEC AND OFFERED EVERY ASSISTANCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CLEARANCE RE AEC. OFFERED TO RELATE RUMORS WHICH COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED OR TRACED BY HIM, AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THAT USAF USED ALSOPS AS A CONTROLLED LEAK, AS MENTIONED ABOVE; (2) THAT ALSOPS WERE PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO LT. GENERAL ALBERT C. WEDEMAYER, FORMERLY OFFICE, CHIEF OF STAFF. DEAN, COLBY AND HENDERSON ALL CONCUR THAT LEAK IS A HIGHLY PLACED GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND NOT LOWER ECHELON GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL. THIS MATTER IS BEING GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND PREFERRED ATTENTION AND BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED RE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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STEWART ALSOP; JOSEPH ALSOP; UNSUB; ESPIONAGE DASH X. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PEYTON FORD HAS FORWARDED TO BUREAU PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF TWO ARTICLES WHICH APPEARED WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER. ONE ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE HOW RED A DASH BLAST WAS DETECTED UNQUOTE, WHICH ARTICLE APPEARED UNDER DATELINE DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, LAST, IN COLUMN ENTITLED QUOTE MATTER OF FACT UNQUOTE, WRITTEN BY JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP. ANOTHER ARTICLE UNDER DATELINE OCTOBER THIRTEEN, LAST, SAME COLUMN, BY STEWART ALSOP, ENTITLED QUOTE THE KREMLIN'S GROWING STOCKPILE UNQUOTE. PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THESE TWO ALSOP ARTICLES BEING FORWARDED LA AND SF AMSD. ENCLOSED WITH FORD'S LETTER WAS COPY OF MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN WHICH PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE COLUMN OF ALSOP BROTHERS WAS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE TO NATIONAL SECURITY. PRESIDENT REQUESTED ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INSTRUCT THE BUREAU TO MAKE COMPLETE AND SEARCHING INVESTIGATION WITH VIEW TO POSSIBLE PROSECUTION AS WELL AS TO SUCH OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO OBIVIATE ITS RECURRENCE. PRESIDENT REQUESTED ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ADVISE HIM OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION. BUREAU INSTRUCTED WFO TO DETERMINE THE POSSIBLE SOURCE OR SOURCES THROUGH WHICH ALSOP BROTHERS ARE OBTAINING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AS SET OUT ALSOP ARTICLES. WFO IN PROCESS INTERVIEWING HEADS OF AND HIGH PLACE OFFICIALS IN ARMY [CIA] AEC, RDB, USAF, [REDACTED] STATE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SCIENTIFIC GROUPS, FAMILIAR

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WITH DATA CONTAINED IN ALSOP ARTICLES, FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING ACTUAL DOCUMENTS UPON WHICH ARTICLES WERE BASED, AS WELL AS TRACING DISSIMINATION OF EACH COPY OF DOCUMENTS, AND DETERMINING WHO HAD ACCESS TO OR SAW THE DOCUMENTS. ALSO DETERMINING CONFERENCES IN WHICH SUCH DATA WAS DISCUSSED WHICH COULD HAVE LEAKED TO ALSOPS. WFO ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY GOVERNMENT CONTACTS OF ALSOPS AND NOTING ANY LOOSE OR INSECURE MANNER IN WHICH CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ARE HANDLED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVING CUSTODY OF SUCH DOCUMENTS. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EFFECT A QUOTE CONTROLLED LEAK UNQUOTE HAS BEEN USED BY AIR FORCE AND POSSIBLY OTHER AGENCIES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND THAT WHILE FORRESTAL WAS SEC. OF DEFENSE, ALSOPS HAD RUN OF DEFENSE DEPT. AND HAD ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED DATA THERE. ALSO THAT ALSOP BROTHERS WERE THE ONLY OUTSIDERS IN SOME WASHINGTON COCKTAIL PARTIES ATTENDED BY HIGH GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS. THE ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE THE KREMLIN'S GROWING STOCKPILE UNQUOTE CONTAINED DATA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 5-1 (S) (U) THE OTHER ARTICLE RE DETECTION OF A BLAST CONTAINS DATA WHICH PRIMARILY REFERS TO FUNCTIONS OF USAF AND ATOMIC SCIENTIFIC GROUPS. THREE INITIAL CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE SOURCES OF A BLAST DETECTION ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS: PAREN ONE UNPAREN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DOCTOR ROBERT FOX BACHER, HEAD OF PHYSICS DEPT., NORMAN BRIDGE LABORATORIES, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, PADADENA, CALIF.

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WAS MEMBER OF A SPECIAL PANEL COMPOSED OF VANNEVAR BUSH, J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, AND READ ADMIRAL W. S. PARSONS, WHICH WROTE UNDATED MEMO WHICH WAS SHOWN TO TRUMAN SEPTEMBER TWENTY ONE, FORTY NINE. LA DIVISION REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BACHER ON FOLLOWING POINTS: PAREN ONE UNPAREN, DOES HE KNOW ALSOP BROTHERS AND HAS HE FURNISHED THEM INFORMATION UPON WHICH THEIR ARTICLES COULD BE PREDICATED. PAREN TWO UNPAREN, DOES HE RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE ALSOP ARTICLES AS THAT IN ANY OF ABOVE MENTIONED SECRET DOCUMENTS, IF SO, WHICH ONE. PAREN THREE UNPAREN, BY EXAMINING ALSOP ARTICLES CAN HE NAME THE SOURCE OF ANY MATERIAL CONTAINED THEREIN, OR CAN HE NAME ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FROM WHICH IT COULD HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. PAREN FOUR UNPAREN, IF BACHER IS AWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION, WHO HAS HAD ACCESS TO THEM. PAREN FIVE UNPAREN, HAS BACHER DISCLOSED INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MATERIAL IN ALSOP ARTICLES TO ANY PERSON, AND IF SO, THE IDENTITY OF THAT PERSON. PAREN SIX UNPAREN, IS BACHER FAMILIAR WITH THE STATEMENT APPEARING IN ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE HOW RED A BLAST WAS DETECTED UNQUOTE, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CHANCES ARE NINE HUNDRED NINETY NINE TO ONE IT WAS AN A BOMB THAT EXPLODED IN SIBERIA. IF SO, WHERE AND BY WHOM WAS IT MADE. PAREN SEVEN UNPAREN, ABOVE ENUMERATED POINTS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT SCOPE OF INTERVIEW. SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LT. GENERAL ALBERT C. WEDEMEYER, COMMANDING GENERAL, SIXTH ARMY, PRESIDIO OF SF. WEDEMEYER HAS BEEN NAMED AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF ALSOP BROTHERS, AND MAY HAVE HAD ACCESS TO ONE OR MORE OF ABOVE MENTIONED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS. HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED ALONG LINES SET FORTH ABOVE.

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STEWART ALSOP; JOSEPH ALSOP; UNSUB; ESPIONAGE DASH X. REMYTEL INSTANT DATE.
GENERAL SCHLATTER SHOULD BE QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING STATEMENT
APPEARING IN ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE HOW RED A BLAST WAS DETECTED UNQUOTE
WHICH IS TO EFFECT THAT THE CHANCES ARE NINE HUNDRED NINETY NINE TO ONE IT
WAS AN A BOMB THAT EXPLODED IN SIBERIA. DETERMINE IF HE HAS SEEN STATEMENT
IN ANY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT, AND IF SO, IDENTITY OF DOCUMENT. IF HE HAS
HEARD STATEMENT, DETERMINE SOURCE. DETERMINE IF HE HAS MADE SUCH A STATEMENT.

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JANUARY NINE, FIFTYONE AT NINE THIRTY P.M. SETTING FORTH INFORMATION

OBTAINED [REDACTED] ALSO RMYTEL JANUARY TEN, FIFTYONE, CONCERNING INTERVIEWS

AT STATE DEPARTMENT PARTICULARLY DATA SUPPLIED BY ROBERT G. HOOKER, POLICY

PLANNING STAFF, STATE DEPARTMENT, WHEN REINTERVIEWED TODAY [REDACTED]

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INCLUDING GENERAL CABELL, GENERAL MOORE AND POSSIBLY THREE OTHERS. Referral/Consult

RAY FURTHER STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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ADDITIONAL COPIES OF [REDACTED] TYPED AND THAT THESE Referral/Direct

ADDITIONAL COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE JOINT
ATOMIC ENERGY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE. RAY FURTHER STATED THAT
COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT WERE ROUTED BETWEEN OFFICES IN THE
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, THAT THEY WERE HAND CARRIED FROM OFFICE
TO OFFICE, AND THAT, WHILE OFFICE CLERKS HANDLED THEM IN
ENTERING THEM IN OFFICE JOURNALS, HE THOUGHT NONE OF THESE
CLERKS HAD READ THE DOCUMENTS BECAUSE QUOTE THEY ARE USUALLY
TOO BUSY TO LOOK AT THOSE THINGS UNQUOTE. BOTH GENERAL MOORE
AND MAJOR RAY STATED THEY WERE NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH
THE ALSOP BROTHERS AND COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONNECTING
ALSOP BROTHERS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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STEWART ALSOP; JOSEPH ALSOP; UNSUBS; ESPIONAGE DASH X. REMYTEL THIS DATE.

COMMANDER GUS ANDERSON, MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE TO AEC ADVISED THAT JUST AFTER
ATOM BLAST WAS IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WAS HELD IN RDB CONFERENCE ROOM WHEN OVER THIRTY PERSONS ATTENDED.

ANDERSON RECALLS HAVING HEARD THAT MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE THIS BRIEFING WERE
ALLEGED TO HAVE DISCUSSED THE ACTUAL DETECTION IN PENTAGON HALLS FOLLOWING
BRIEF. HE SUGGESTED COMMENTS ON THIS BRIEFING FROM GENERAL D. M. SCHLATTER.
ABOVE BRIEFING TOOK PLACE SEPTEMBER, FORTYNINE. SUTEL.

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INTERVIEWS

CONDUCTED WITH COLONEL R. P. TODD, AIR FORCE, DR. A. KIETH
BREWER, ONI, AND DR. LOUIS F. WOODRUFF, G-TWO, WHO REPRESENT
THEIR AGENCIES ON THE JOINT ATOMIC ENERGY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
ALL OF OPINION THAT DUE TO SIMILARITY OF STATISTICS IN ALSOPS
OCTOBER AND DECEMBER ARTICLES AND REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE
DATED JULY FOURTH, NINETEEN FIFTY, THAT ALSOP HAD THIS COMMITTEE
REPORT OR HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS REPORT BY ONE WHO HAD ACCESS
TO IT. ALL DENIED KNOWING ALSOP OR FURNISHING INFORMATION TO UN-
AUTHORIZED PERSONS. ALL OF OPINION THAT MATERIAL APPEARING IN
ALSOPS ARTICLES COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SECURED FROM OPEN SOURCES.

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ALL REPORT THAT OCTOBER ARTICLE CONTAINED TWO ITEMS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITTEES REPORT OF JULY FOURTH, NINETEEN FIFTY, AND MENTIONED THESE ITEMS AS COMMITTEE REPORT SET NO MAXIMUM PRODUCTION OF SOVIET A BOMB POTENTIALITY AND MADE NO MENTION OF INABILITY OF SOVIETS TO LAUNCH A BOMB FROM SUBMARINE. ALL, HOWEVER, ARE ACQUAINTED WITH METHODS EMPLOYED IN DETECTION OF SOVIET A BOMB BLASTS, BUT ADVISE THIS MATERIAL HAS NEVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT. WOODRUFF RECALLED THAT COMMITTEE HAD DISCUSSED METHODS OF DETECTION, AND PREPARED REPORT, BUT THAT REPORT HAD ACTUALLY BEEN DISSEMINATED [REDACTED]

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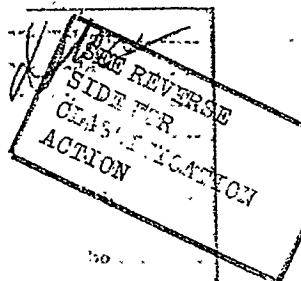
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WOODRUFF, TODD AND BREWER ALL ADVISED THAT WORK IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS REQUIRE USE OF STATISTICS CONTAINED IN JOINT COMMITTEES JULY FOURTH, NINETEEN FIFTY REPORT. UPON SUCH OCCASIONS, ALL STATED THAT EXCERPTS INCLUDING STATISTICS ARE TAKEN FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEES JULY FOURTH, NINETEEN FIFTY REPORT AND INCORPORATED IN OTHER REPORTS AND MEMORANDA WHICH HAVE DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THEIR OWN AGENCY. BREWER ADVISED THAT FIVE INDIVIDUALS IN HIS SECTION ACTUALLY SAW COMMITTEE REPORT. WOODRUFF ALSO REPORTED THAT FIVE INDIVIDUALS SAW SAME REPORT IN HIS DIVISION OF G-TWO. TODD ESTIMATED THAT FIVE EMPLOYEES IN HIS DIVISION ACTUALLY SAW THIS COMMITTEE REPORT. ALL REPORTED THAT EMPLOYEES SEEING MATERIAL WERE CLEARED FOR TOP SECRET DATA. BREWER, TODD AND WOODRUFF UNABLE TO ADVISE NUMBER OF MEMORANDA OR OTHER REPORTS PREPARED IN THEIR SECTIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED DATA WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY CONTAINED IN THE JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT OF JULY FOURTH, NINETEEN FIFTY OR NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SEEING SUCH DATA. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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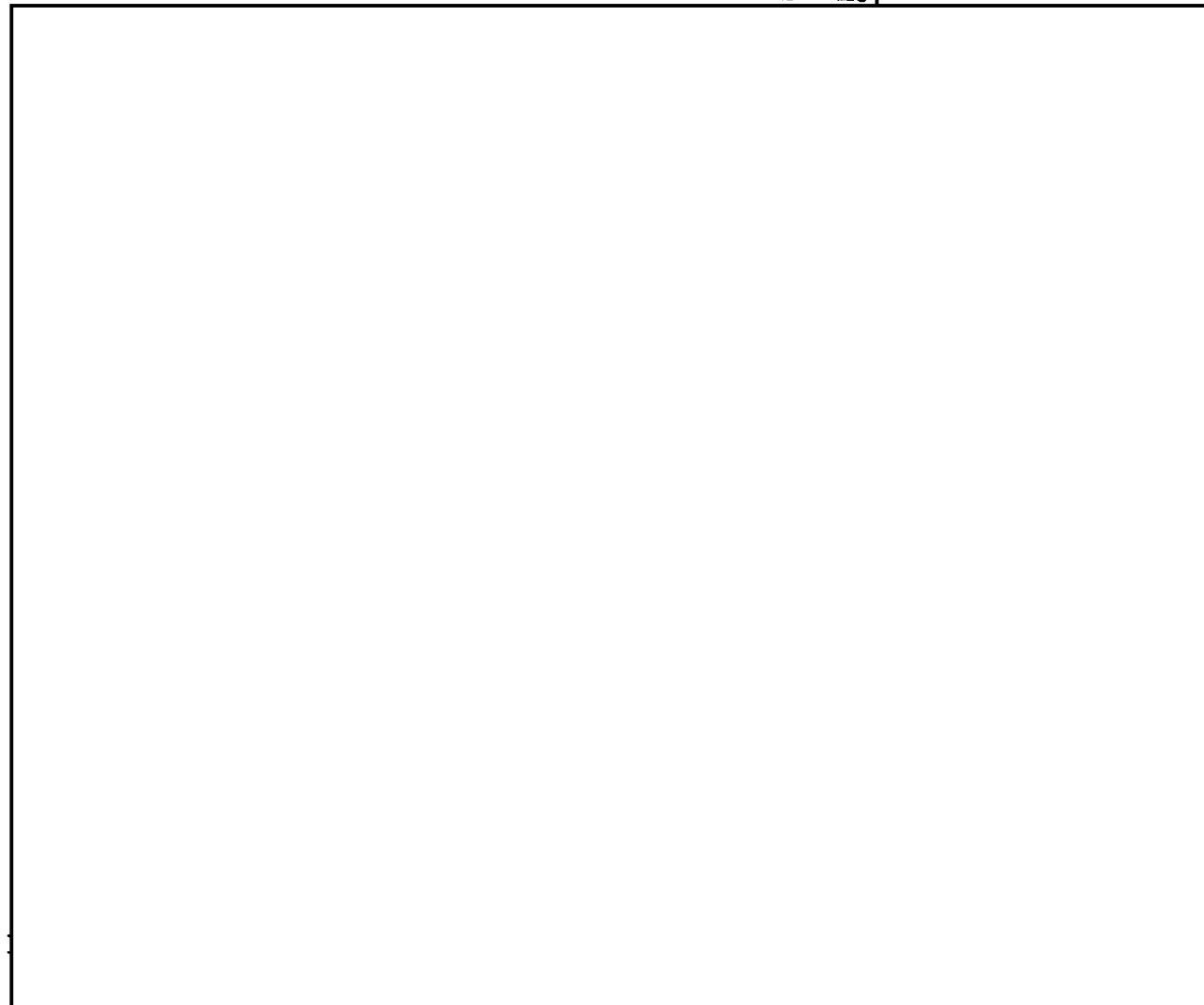
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[REDACTED] HE POINTED TO ALSOP'S THIRD PARAGRAPH THIS ARTICLE WHICH REFERS TO
QUOTE JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD UNQUOTE. DAVID BECKLER OF RDB
TODAY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT A SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF ALSOP'S ARTICLE HAS
APPEARED TO HIM IN THE FORM OF USE OF THE TERM JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
BOARD. BECKLER STATED THAT IN LATE FORTYSEVEN, JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
BOARD, KNOWN AS JRDB WENT OUT OF EXISTENCE AND THEREAFTER BECAME RDB. THIS
FACT CONVINCES BECKLER THAT AUTHOR OF THIS ARTICLE SAW JRDB IN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT
IN FORTYSEVEN OR PRIOR THERETO [REDACTED] IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH BECKLER'S
THEORY, SUGGESTS THAT ALSOP MAY HAVE HAD ACCESS [REDACTED] OR
THOSE REPORTS ENUMERATED ABOVE LEADING TO SAME AND THAT FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT
OF ATOM BLAST, ALSOP MAY HAVE RECEIVED ORAL VERIFICATION THAT THE PROPOSED

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[REDACTED] IF THIS

IS TRUE, IT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY ALSOP COMMITTED THE ERROR OF IDENTIFYING THE
FIRST TWO METHODS OF DETECTION, ~~HIS ARTICLE HAS CONTRIBUTED~~ **AS CONTRIBUTING FINAL** TO THE CONCLUSION
REACHED REGARDING THE RUSSIAN ATOM BLAST, WHICH TWO METHODS ARE AUTHORITATIVELY
STATED TO HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED TO THE OFFICIAL CONCLUSION. COPIES OF

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[REDACTED] AND THOSE LEADING UP TO SAME BEING TRACED FOR DISSEMINATION
AND WILL BE EXAMINED. REMYTEL EIGHT FIFTYFIVE P.M. JANUARY TEN FIFTYONE CONCERNING
EXAMINATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ALSOP'S (S)
ATOM BOMB DETECTION ARTICLE. THESE OFFICIALS STATED [REDACTED] (S)
CONTAINS DATA WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN BASIS FOR SOME OF MATERIAL IN ALSOP ARTICLE
BUT NOT ENTIRE ARTICLE. THEY CONCLUDED THAT IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT
ALSOP UTILIZED ANY PART OF [REDACTED] (S) POINTED OUT THAT

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[REDACTED] FILES CONTAINED TWENTY TO THIRTY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS CONTAINING
DATA OF SAME GENERAL TYPE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT ALL OF THESE OFFICIALS POSSESS SUFFICIENT

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BASIC KNOWLEDGE TO HAVE WRITTEN ALSOP ARTICLE. IN ADDITION, LIMITED AMOUNTS OF BASIC DETECTION INFORMATION HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO POSSIBLY ONE THOUSAND OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE MILITARY SERVICES, UNIVERSITIES AND INDUSTRIAL LABORATORIES IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECTS BEING OPERATED IN THIS FIELD.

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^{s2}(S) [] AND MC DUFFEE EXHIBITED COPIES OF LIFE AND TIME MAGAZINES, BOTH DATED OCTOBER THREE FORTYNINE. ^(s)[] POINTED OUT THAT VIRTUALLY ALL INFORMATION IN ALSOP ATOM BOMB DETECTION ARTICLE WAS CONTAINED IN THESE MAGAZINE ARTICLES. COPIES OF THESE MAGAZINES ARE BEING OBTAINED.

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STEWART ALSOP, JOSEPH ALSOP, UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ESPIONAGE DASH X. GENERAL
ROSCOE C. WILSON, ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF STAFF, OPERATION FOR ATOMIC ENERGY.

AIR FORCE, REINTERVIEWED TODAY, RELATIVE TO [REDACTED]

A DASH BLAST MENTIONED IN MYTEL OF SEVEN P.M., JANUARY NINE, LAST. IN

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PRESENCE OF SA WILLIAM H. MARR, GENERAL WILSON PERSONALLY REVIEWED ALL THREE

TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS INCLUDING [REDACTED]

UNDATED VANDENBERG MEMO, AND ^{S-1}(S)

QUOTE [REDACTED]

AS WELL AS HIS ^{S-1}(S)

ENTIRE FILE CONSISTING OF ALL TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO DETECTION OF
SOVIET A DASH BLAST. WILSON'S EXAMINATION FAILED TO REVEAL THAT ANY PORTION OF
THE ALSOP COLUMN ENTITLED QUOTE HOW RED A DASH BLAST WAS DETECTED UNQUOTE WAS
PREPARED BY ANYONE UTILIZING ABOVE DESCRIBED DOCUMENTS AS SOURCES. [REDACTED]

^{S-1}(S) BUT AS REVEALED IN

PRIOR TELETYPES. THIS FACT HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN VARIOUS PUBLIC SOURCES.

WILSON'S SEARCH ALSO REVEALED NO MENTION IN ANY DOCUMENT OF THE QUOTATION
APPEARING IN THE DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTY ALSOP ARTICLE IN COLUMN TWO.

PARAGRAPH FOUR, READING QUOTE THE CHANCES ARE NINE NINE NINE TO ONE THAT IT
WAS A BOMB THAT WENT OFF ...UNQUOTE. AFTER COMPLETING HIS REVIEW OF TOP

SECRET DOCUMENTS, WILSON INDICATED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO LOGICAL OR

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VALID REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ALSOP ARTICLE OF DECEMBER THIRTYONE, LAST, ^{S-1}
(S) UTILIZED [REDACTED] OR ANY OF THE OTHER DOCUMENTS AS A SOURCE. HE

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OBSERVED THAT EVEN IF THE WRITER OF THE ALSOP ARTICLE HAD ACCESS TO THE
ENTIRE FILE RELATIVE TO DETECTION IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT
MATERIAL TO WRITE THE ENTIRE ALSOP ARTICLE. WILSON CLARIFIED PREVIOUS
INFORMATION FURNISHED RELATIVE TO TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED IN HIS
OFFICE AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ANOTHER DOCUMENT IS THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED UNDATED MEMO FROM
GENERAL VANDENBERG TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WHILE THE THIRD DOCUMENT
IS THE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED [REDACTED]
COVERING THE PERIOD JUNE THIRTY, FORTYSEVEN, TO NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX, FORTYNINE.
IN MYTEL OF SEVEN P.M., JANUARY NINE, LAST, THIS DOCUMENT WAS DESCRIBED AS
HAVING BEEN PREPARED BY GENERAL SCHLATTER. ^{S-1} 65-2 (S) (U) GENERAL WILSON INDICATED THAT
THIS INFORMATION WAS ACTUALLY INCORRECT INASMUCH AS THIS DOCUMENT WAS
PREPARED BY COMMANDER ANDERSON AT THE DIRECTION OF GENERAL SCHLATTER.

THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER DOCUMENT IN WILSON'S FILE, WHICH IS A MEMO PREPARED
BY DOCTOR V. BUSH TO GENERAL VANDENBERG, ADVISING THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES
CONCURRED WITH THE FINDINGS EXPRESSED IN [REDACTED] THOSE INDIVIDUALS ^{S-1}
(S) WHO WORKED WITH DOCTOR BUSH ARE ROBERT FOX BACHER, REAR ADMIRAL W. S. PARSONS,
AND J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER. WILSON EXPRESSED THE OPINION FROM A PERUSAL OF

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THE UNDATED MEMO FROM VANDENBERG TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE THAT THE VANDENBERG MEMO SERVED AS A QUOTE COVER MEMO UNQUOTE FOR THE MEMO PREPARED BY DOCTOR BUSH. WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILSON ADVISED THAT THERE [REDACTED] (S)

WERE FIVE COPIES OF THIS MEMO PREPARED WHICH WERE DISSEMINATED AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED] (S-2) (S) (u)

COPY TWO FOR [REDACTED]

DOCTOR DAVID Z. BECKLER PAREN RDB END PAREN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COPY FIVE WAS ORIGINALLY [REDACTED] (S-1) (S)

CHARGED TO GENERAL SCHLATTER AND IS NOW IN GENERAL WILSON'S POSSESSION.

FURTHER ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT IN MYTEL OF JANUARY TEN,

LAST, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT COPY THREE OF [REDACTED] WAS DESIGNATED [REDACTED] (S-1) (S)

AS QUOTE DOCTOR APPLEGATE'S COPY RATHER THAN AS QUOTE COLONEL UNQUOTE

APPLEGATES COPY AS SET FORTH IN MYTEL OF SEVEN P.M., JANUARY NINE, LAST.

GENERAL WILSON RECHECKED THE DISTRIBUTION OF [REDACTED] AND INDICATED [REDACTED] (S-1) (S)

THAT COPY THREE WAS CORRECTLY DESIGNATED FOR COLONEL APPLEGATE. WILSON

IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE A COMPETENT OFFICER IN HIS DEPARTMENT REVIEW

AND CLASSIFY ALSO ARTICLES OF OCTOBER THIRTEEN AND DECEMBER [REDACTED]



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STEWART ALSOP; JOSEPH ALSOP; UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ESPIONAGE DASH X
DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, PRESIDENT OF CARNEGIE INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON
INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. WHEN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ALSOPS
ARTICLES WAS MENTIONED TO BUSH HE ADVISED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
WHOM THE AGENTS OBSERVED LEAVING DR. BUSH'S OFFICE WAS JOSEPH
ALSOP. DR. BUSH EXPLAINED THAT HE AND ALSOP HAD BEEN DISCUSSING
MATTERS RELATING TO YUGOSLAVIA AND THE TIMETABLE FOR THE
POSSIBLE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AND STATED THAT ALSOP HAD NOT MENTIONED
BEING AWARE OF ANY INVESTIGATION BEING MADE INVOLVING HIMSELF
OR ANY OF HIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. BUSH ADVISED THAT HE HAD NOT
PREVIOUSLY SEEN THE ALSOP ARTICLES OF OCTOBER THIRTEENTH, FIFTY,
AND DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTY, BUT AFTER EXAMINING THE TWO
ARTICLES, STATED THAT BOTH UNDOUBTEDLY CAME FROM NUMEROUS VERY
HIGHLY PLACED SOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE ALSOPS. BUSH ADVISED
THAT HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL PANEL SET UP TO REVIEW
THE EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FORTYNINE A-BLAST
IN SIBERIA AND WHICH PREPARED THE REPORT TO BE FURNISHED PRESIDENT
TRUMAN AND STATED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN DONE BY THE SCIENTIFIC
ADVISORY BOARD IN THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AS STATED IN ALSOP'S
ARTICLE. DR. BUSH STATED THAT THIS REPORT WAS BASED UPON EVIDENCE
SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF GEN. VANDENBERG BUT WAS NOT CONFINED
TO SUCH EVIDENCE SINCE IT INCLUDED EVIDENCE FROM OTHER SOURCES

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AS WELL. BUSH STATED THAT THIS REPORT CONSISTED OF CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING THE EXISTENCE OF RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES IN THE AIR AND WAS FURNISHED BY THE SPECIAL PANEL TO GEN. VANDENBERG, CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE. BUSH ADVISED THAT THIS PANEL CONSISTED OF DR. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT BACHER, ADMIRAL PARSONS, GEN. SCHLATTER, GEN. NICHOLS, AND OTHERS WHOM HE DID NOT RECALL, STATING THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER WAS BEING HANDLED BY GEN. W. R. NELSON OF THE AIR FORCE WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED AS AN AIDE TO BUSH ALONG WITH AN AIR FORCE COLONEL WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL. BUSH STATED THAT HE WAS FREQUENTLY IN CONTACT WITH JOSEPH ALSOP BUT THAT HE HAD NOT FURNISHED ANY OF THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE QUESTIONED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES TO ALSOP OR ANY OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PERSON. BUSH STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STOCKPILING OF RUSSIAN BOMBS, HE HAD NOT BEEN CONCERNED WITH ANY OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS WHICH PURPORTED TO SHOW THE NUMBER OF BOMBS IN POSSESSION OF THE SOVIETS. BUSH STATED THAT HE HAS KNOWN JOSEPH ALSOP FOR SOMETIME AND HAS DISCUSSED MANY DIFFERENT MATTERS WITH HIM OF A GENERAL NATURE, BUT HAD NEVER FURNISHED HIM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO DETECTION OF ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS OR TO SOVIET ATOMIC STOCKPILES OR ANY OTHER RESTRICTED INFORMATION. BUSH STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW STEWART ALSOP. HE STATED IT WAS HIS OPINION THE ALSOPS HAD HAD NO ACCESS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS CONTAINING DETECTION OR STOCK-PILE DATA, BUT OBTAINED IT AS A RESULT OF NUMEROUS HIGHLY PLACED

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CONTACTS OR FROM A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, SUCH AS GEN. MARSHALL, ROBERT LOVETT, DEAN ACHESON, AND UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE WEBB IN THE NATURE OF A CONTROLLED QUOTE LEAK UNQUOTE. IN SUPPORT OF THIS OPINION, BUSH STATED THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS ERRORS IN THE ARTICLE DATED DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTY, POINTING OUT THAT: ONE, RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES WERE NOT SUBJECTED TO MINERALOGICAL ANALYSIS; TWO, THAT THE PORTION OF THE ARTICLE CONCERNING GEIGER DETECTION WAS IN ERROR; THREE, THE ALSOPS HAD CONFUSED DETECTION WITH THE H-BOMB BECAUSE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD HAD SET ON THE H-BOMB ANALYSIS BUT WERE NOT CONCERNED WITH THE REPORT CONCERNING DETECTION OF THE SOVIET A-BOMB EXPLOSION OF SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FORTYNINE; FOUR, THE TASK OF INTERPRETING AND FORMING CONCLUSIONS FROM DATA COLLECTED CONCERNING THE SIBERIAN EXPLOSION WAS NOT ENTRUSTED TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, BUT WAS GIVEN TO A SPECIAL PANEL OF WHICH DR. BUSH WAS CHAIRMAN; FIVE, THE NET FOR DETECTING THE SOVIET BOMB EXPLOSION WAS NOT ESTABLISHED BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE THREE ARMED SERVICE STAFFS, THE JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AEC, AND CIA, MENTIONED IN THIS ARTICLE. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS QUOTE NET UNQUOTE, DR. BUSH STATED THAT IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTYSIX SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, FORRESTAL AND HIMSELF TALKED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY OF

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CONGRESS CONCERNING THE NECESSITY FOR ESTABLISHING SUCH A NET. THIS COMMITTEE GAVE THE GO AHEAD SIGNAL WITHOUT PROVIDING AN EXPLICIT APPROPRIATION FOR SECURITY REASONS. DR. BUSH SAID THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MEN ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY AT THAT TIME WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN THE FACTS CONCERNING THIS NET. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT IF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF THEN POSSESSED INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS QUOTE NET UNQUOTE. BUSH STATED THE ONLY ITEM IN THE DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTY, ARTICLE THAT CAUSED HIM CONCERN WAS THE MENTIONING OF THE FACT THAT THE BOMB SET OFF BY THE RUSSIANS WAS OF THE PLUTONIUM TYPE, AS THE ARTICLE DISCLOSED THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE TYPE OF BOMB EXPLODED. RELATING TO THE FILES WHICH DR. BUSH HAD USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORT MADE BY THE SPECIAL PANEL CONCERNING DETECTION, OF WHICH HE WAS CHAIRMAN, HE ADVISED THAT AT NO TIME DID HE MAINTAIN PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THIS MATERIAL. HE EXPLAINED THAT THESE FILES HAD BEEN MAINTAINED BY THE COLONEL WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL WHO WAS ACTING AS AN ASSISTANT TO GEN. NELSON. DR. BUSH IN CONCLUSION STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THE GOVT WAS MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLE HILL IN PURSUING THIS MATTER AND HE FELT THAT THE MOST LOGICAL AND DIRECT APPROACH WOULD BE TO HAVE THE RIGHT HIGH GOVT OFFICIAL, SUCH AS LOVETT OF THE STATE

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DEPT, TALK TO THE ALSOPS ON A FRIENDLY BASIS. GEN. HOYT VANDENBERG, CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE, WAS INTERVIEWED THIS AFTERNOON IN THE PRESENCE OF MAJOR GEN. ROSCOE C. WILSON, ASSISTANT FOR ATOMIC ENERGY; MAJOR GEN. JOSEPH CARROLL OF OSI; AND BRIG. GEN. SORY SMITH, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, AIR FORCE. GEN. VANDENBERG, UPON EXAMINATION OF THE ALSOP ARTICLES DATED OCTOBER THIRTEEN AND DECEMBER THIRTYONE, ADVISED THAT HE HAD POSSESSED NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARTICLES. HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE ESTIMATE OF THE SOVIET BOMBS WAS AN EDUCATED GUESS BASED UPON A LOT OF FACTORS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE CORRECT. HE STATED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL WHETHER ANY OF THE FACTS CONTAINED IN EITHER ARTICLE CAME FROM ANY SPECIFIC DOCUMENT WHICH HE HAD EVER SEEN. HE POINTED OUT THAT DOCUMENTS CONTAINING INFORMATION OF THIS TYPE ARE USUALLY BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BY GEN. WILSON, GEN. CABELL, GEN. EVEREST, AND FORMERLY BY GEN. SCHLATTER, OCCASIONALLY BY GEN. NORSTAD AND OCCASIONALLY BY GEN. NELSON. GEN. VANDENBERG INDICATED THAT HE IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH POLICY AND PLANNING MATTERS AND CONSEQUENTLY HE WAS UNABLE TO THROW ANY SPECIFIC LIGHT UPON THE DOCUMENT SOURCES OF THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THESE ARTICLES. GEN. VANDENBERG SAID THAT HE HIMSELF CALLED A GROUP

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OR PANEL TOGETHER, CHAIRMANNED BY DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, AND CONSISTING OF DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, DR. ROBERT BACHER, AND ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. PARSONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED IN TM THIRTYSEVEN CONCERNING EVIDENCE COLLECTED RELATIVE TO AN A-BOMB EXPLOSION IN RUSSIA. THIS PANEL, ACCORDING TO GEN. VANDENBERG, HAD THE DUTY OF CONFIRMING OR CASTING OUT THE CONCLUSION CONTAINED IN TM THIRTYSEVEN.

GEN. VANDENBERG STATED THAT HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH OF THE ALSOPS, THAT HE KNOWS JOSEPH THE BEST, BUT LIKES STEWART THE BEST. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS BEEN TO MANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE ALSOPS AND THAT THE ALSOPS FREQUENTLY ENTERTAIN TOP LEVEL MILITARY AND GOVT OFFICIALS. GEN. VANDENBERG STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HIMSELF HAD NEVER DISCLOSED ANY RESTRICTED OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO THE ALSOPS OR TO ANY OTHER UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS AND THAT THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS POLICY. WHEN QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING THE ARTICLES OF OCTOBER THIRTEEN AND DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTY, GEN. VANDENBERG STATED THAT HE HAD NOT DISCLOSED TO EITHER OF THE ALSOPS ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE TWO ARTICLES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA AS TO ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE FURNISHED SUCH INFORMATION TO THE ALSOPS. HE EXPRESSED

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THE OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT A GOOD REPORTER, SUCH AS JOSEPH ALSOP, CAN OBTAIN MUCH INFORMATION SUCH AS CONTAINED IN THESE TWO ARTICLES MERELY BY ASKING APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS AND OBSERVING THE FACIAL REACTIONS OF THE PERSON TO WHOM HE IS TALKING. HE ALSO STATED HE FELT THAT THE ALSOP BROTHERS ARE CONTINUOUSLY ACQUIRING STORES OF BITS OF INFORMATION AND THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THEY ARE ABLE THROUGH CONVERSATION WITH VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND OFFICIALS TO VERIFY AND MAKE ADDITIONS THERETO FROM WHICH THEY THEN BASE THEIR CONCLUSIONS. GEN. VANDENBERG EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT ONLY A VERY FEW PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, PERHAPS TWENTYFIVE OR THIRTY, WOULD POSSESS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF BOMBS THE SOVIETS ARE ESTIMATED TO POSSESS. INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH THE AIR FORCE WOULD INCLUDE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, THOMAS FINLETTER, GEN. VANDENBERG HIMSELF, GEN. NORSTAD, GEN. EVEREST, AND GEN. EDWARDS. HE SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE ARTICLE OF OCTOBER THIRTEEN MUST HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM SOMEONE WHO POSSESSED CERTAIN FACTS AND FIGURES; THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE QUOTE GOBELEDEGOOK UNQUOTE, BUT THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW ACCURATE THE FIGURES WERE. HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE ARTICLE OF DECEMBER THIRTYONE WAS MORE OR LESS INCORRECT AND COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY SOMEONE SKILLED IN DETECTIVE REPORTING.

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AS DESCRIBED ON PAGES THREE AND FOUR OF MYTEL, SEVEN P.M., JANUARY NINE,
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION [REDACTED] CONCERNING PERCENT LOCATION OF NUMBERED ^{S-1}
COPIES FOLLOWS: SERIES A. [REDACTED] ^S
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COPIES TWO AND THREE CHARGED TO GENERAL WILSON; COPY FOUR CHARGED TO GENERAL
CABELL AND RECEIPT FOR COPY FOUR SIGNED BY MR. KENNARD, A MEMBER OF CABELL'S
STAFF; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RE SERIES B: COPIES ONE, FOUR, AND
FIVE DESTROYED AND FILE CERTIFIES DESTRUCTION; COPY TWO WAS HAND DELIVERED
TO DOCTOR ROBERT OPPENHEIMER [REDACTED] COPY THREE WAS HAND DELIVERED TO ^{S-1}
REAR ADMIRAL PARSONS [REDACTED] RE PAGE FOUR, LINE THIRTEEN, ABOVE REFERENCED ^(S)
TELETYPE ON JANUARY NINE, RE SECOND TOP SECRET DOCUMENT. [REDACTED] HAS NOT ^{S-1}
SEEN SUCH A DOCUMENT BUT BELIEVES IT LIKELY A COVER MEMO FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
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HOUSE. RE PAGE FIVE, LINE TWO, SAME REFERENCED TELETYPE. THE THIRD MEMO
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MR. DAVID BECKLER, ACTING DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY, RDB,
AND SECRETARY IO DASH SEVEN PANEL, STATED HE VAGUELY RECALLS HAVING SEEN

S-1 [REDACTED] RECALLS SAME WAS NOT HANDLED ROUTINE FASHION
BUT TREATED AS VERY SPECIAL REPORT; CLAIMS HE DISCUSSED SAME WITH NO ONE AND
THE COPY WAS NOT SHOWN TO MANY OTHERS AT HIS OFFICE; DOES NOT RECALL
WHO SHOWED SAME TO HIM OR WHO ELSE MIGHT HAVE SEEN IT. BECKLER STATED
HE HAS COPY NUMBER TWO [REDACTED]

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FIVE, IDENTIFIED PERIOD COVERED BY THIS DIARY IS JUNE THIRTY, FORTYSEVEN
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MAY HAVE BEEN KEPT UPTODATE TO COVER PERIOD TO NOVEMBER FORTYNINE. IN ANY
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT CONTAINED IN THIS DIARY WOULD BE
NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THESE METHODS TO THE EXTENT THAT SAME WERE IDENTIFIED
AT ALSOP ARTICLE AND FURTHER THAT HIS EXAMINATION OF HIS COPY NUMBER TWO
LEFT GREAT DOUBT THAT ALSOP ARTICLE OF A BOMB DETECTION COULD HAVE BEEN
PREPARED IN WHOLE OR PART FROM THIS COPY. [REDACTED]

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QUOTE [REDACTED] AS WELL AS HIS ENTIRE FILE CONSISTING OF ALL TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO DETECTION OF
SOVIET A DASH BLAST. WILSON'S EXAMINATION FAILED TO REVEAL THAT ANY PORTION OF
THE ALSOP COLUMN ENTITLED QUOTE HOW RED A DASH BLAST WAS DETECTED UNQUOTE WAS
PREPARED BY ANYONE UTILIZING ABOVE DESCRIBED DOCUMENTS AS SOURCES
[REDACTED] BUT AS REVEALED IN

PRIOR TELETYPES, THIS FACT HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN VARIOUS PUBLIC SOURCES.
WILSON'S SEARCH ALSO REVEALED NO MENTION IN ANY DOCUMENT OF THE QUOTATION
APPEARING IN THE DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTY ALSOP ARTICLE IN COLUMN TWO,
PARAGRAPH FOUR, READING QUOTE THE CHANCES ARE NINE NINE NINE TO ONE THAT IT
WAS A BOMB THAT WENT OFF ...UNQUOTE. AFTER COMPLETING HIS REVIEW OF TOP
SECRET DOCUMENTS, WILSON INDICATED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO LOGICAL OR

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RE STEWART ALSOP; JOSEPH ALSOP; UNSUBS; ESPIONAGE.- X.
RE WFO TEL JAN. NINE, FIFTY ONE, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION
AT STATE DEPT. RESULTS OF CONTINUED INVESTIGATION AT STATE
DEPT. FOLLOW. NITZE, HOWE, TRUEHEART, FISHER, AND MCKILLOP,
ALL MENTIONED REFTTEL, AND ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL HAVING
ACCESS TO SOVIET A-BOMB PRODUCTION ESTIMATES AND SOVIET
A BLAST DETECTION INFO, WILLIAM M. MARVEL, SPECIAL PROJECTS
STAFF, ALL INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, ADMIT KNOWLEDGE OF INFO,
DENY FURNISHING IT TO ALSOPS OR ANY OTHER UNAUTHORIZED
PERSONS, AND DENY CONTACT OR ACQUAINTANCE WITH ALSOPS, EXCEPT
FISHER, WHO ADVISED HE KNOWS ALSOPS AND HAS CONTACTED THEM
ON OCCASION, BUT NOT RELATIVE TO INSTANT MATTER. CLARENCE A.
WENDEL, MENTIONED REFTTEL, ENROUTE GERMANY AND NOT AVAILABLE.
ANOTHER ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL DETERMINED TO HAVE HAD ACCESS
TO INFO, A. SIDNEY BUFORD, III, TO BE INTERVIEWED TOMORROW,
AS WILL HARRY H. SCHWARTZ, MENTIONED REFTTEL. IN ADDITION,
ASCERTAINED THAT FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN STATE DEPT., HAVING
HAD ACCESS TO "NSC DASH SIX EIGHT," AND WHO ARE PERSONAL
ACQUAINTANCES OF ONE OR BOTH OF ALSOP BROTHERS; PAUL H. NITZE,

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DIRECTOR, POLICY PLANNING STAFF, ROBERT G. HOOKER, POLICY PLANNING STAFF, ROBERT P. JOYCE, POLICY PLANNING STAFF, AND KENNETH C. KRENTZ, INTELLIGENCE. UPON INTERVIEW ALL ADMIT ACCESS TO "NSC DASH SIX EIGHT," ADMIT RESPECTIVELY VARYING DEGREES OF FRIENDSHIP AND ASSOCIATION WITH ONE OR BOTH OF ALSOPS, AND ALL DENY FURNISHING INFO IN INSTANT MATTER, OR ANY UNAUTHORIZED INFO TO ALSOPS. ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS PROBABLY CLOSEST TO ALSOPS IN STATE DEPT. IS CHARLES E. "CHIP" BOHLEN, PRESENTLY ASSIGNED AMEMBASSY, PARIS. NITZE ADVISED THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO ALSOPS PUBLISHED INFO CONCERNING H-BOMB. NITZE BEING WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ALSOPS WENT TO THEM TO CHIDE THEM FOR HAVING PUBLISHED THIS SECRET INFO. ALSOPS TOLD HIM THAT THEY COULD DEFINITELY GET INFO ON ANY SUBJECT, THAT SOMETIMES IT TOOK TWO INTERVIEWS, SOMETIMES TWO HUNDRED, BUT THEY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED. JUSTIFIED H-BOMB DISCLOSURES AS INFO PUBLIC WAS ENTITLED TO AND ARBITRARILY KEPT SECRET BY GOVT. OFFICIALS. ALSOPS MENTIONED RECEIVING THEIR INFO FROM AEC SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS. NITZE SAID HE DOES NOT NOW RECALL ALSOPS DEFINITELY MENTIONING OPPENHEIMER, BUT IT IS HIS OPINION THAT ALSOPS RECEIVED THE INFO

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FROM DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER. HOOKER ADVISED HE IS WELL
ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH ALSOPS. MENTIONED HE, HOOKER, PAUL
NITZE AND JOE ALSOP ALL MEMBERS OF SAME HARVARD UNDER-
GRADUATE CLUB, AND LONG-TIME FRIENDS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUT HOOKER FEELS CERTAIN NITZE WOULD NEVER
FURNISH INFO TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. HOOKER SAID ALSOPS
HAVE VERY MANY CONTACTS IN PENTAGON, ALL HIGHLY PLACED.
SAYS ALSOPS SEE SYMINGTON OFTEN, AND OFTEN DINED WITH ADMIRAL
SOUERS. SAID MANY HIGHLY PLACED GOVT. AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
VISIT SOCIALLY WITH ALSOPS. HOOKER SAID THAT HE WAS PRESENT
AT A DINNER PARTY IN RECENT DAYS AT WHICH STEWART ALSOP WAS
ALSO PRESENT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] JOYCE ADVISED THAT ALSOPS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS
OF HIS. ADVISED THAT ALSOPS OPERATE ON A VERY HIGH LEVEL,
CONSTANTLY CONTACTING TOP OFFICIALS IN PENTAGON AND ELSEWHERE IN

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GOVT., AND TOP SCIENTISTS IN COUNTRY. MENTIONED THAT ALL VISIT IN EACH OTHER'S HOMES SOCIALLY AND ALSOPS OPERATE BY INDUCING GUESTS TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS DURING WHICH MUCH INFO DISCLOSED. JOYCE KNOWS THAT IN PAST, ALSOPS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ACCESS BY DEFENSE DEPT. TO SECRET INFO FOR PURPOSE OF ADVANTAGEOUS OR FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR THE DEFENSE DEPT. KRENTZ ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW ALSOPS WELL AND HAS NOT SEEN THEM WITHIN THE PAST YEAR. FISHER HOWE ADVISED THAT FRIEND OF HIS HIGHLY PLACED IN DEFENSE DEPT. HAS IN PAST BEEN APPROACHED BY ALSOPS FOR INFO ON THREAT OF UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR HIM. THE FRIEND DID NOT ACCEDE TO ALSOPS DEMAND. HOWE WILL APPROACH THIS UNDISCLOSED FRIEND WITH REQUEST THAT HE PERMIT HOWE'S DISCLOSURE OF HIS IDENTITY SO THAT HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED BY THIS OFFICE FOR ANY PERTINENT INFO RE ALSOPS. INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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STATES THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE

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HE NEVER HAD PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF A COPY, DOES NOT KNOW HOW MANY COPIES WERE PREPARED OR WHAT DISSEMINATION WAS MADE. APPLEGATE USED AS SOURCE MATERIAL DATA MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM BY GEN. M. R. NELSON AND HIS STAFF AND CANNOT CLEARLY RECALL THE CONTENTS OF THE MEMO

APPLEGATE DOES NOT KNOW ALSOP BROTHERS. HE COMMENTED HIS REGULAR DUTIES INVOLVED BRIEFING GEN. VANDENBERG ON SPECIAL SUBJECTS FOR CHIEFS OF STAFF MEETINGS. HE STATED THAT HE FEELS THE MATERIAL IN THE ALSOP ARTICLES OF OCTOBER THIRTEENTH AND DECEMBER THIRTYFIRST CONTAINED MUCH MATERIAL WHICH, EVEN THOUGH TOP SECRET, WAS COMMON

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KNOWLEDGE OF LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN SUCH AGENCIES AS DEPT OF DEFENSE, CIA, AND AEC. APPLGATE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE FEELS THE ALSOP ARTICLES POSSESSED TOO MUCH HIGH GRADE MATERIAL TO HAVE BEEN COLLECTED THROUGH PUBLIC SOURCES; THAT ALSOP MUST HAVE HAD A WELL INFORMED SOURCE WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTUAL CONFIDENTIAL INFO. REFERENCE IS MADE TO MYTEL OF SEVEN PM JANUARY NINTH LAST, PAGE THREE, MENTIONING THAT COPIES OF TM THIRTYSEVEN WERE DESIGNATED FOR QUOTE COL. APPLGATE UNQUOTE AND QUOTE DR. BUSH UNQUOTE. ACTUALLY THESE COPIES WERE APPARENTLY FOR QUOTE DR. APPLGATE AND DR. BUSH UNQUOTE. IDENTITY OF DR. APPLGATE NOT YET DETERMINED ALTHOUGH THESE TWO COPIES OF TM THIRTYSEVEN HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED IN SAFE OF GEN. R. C. WILSON. COL. S. S. RUBENSTEIN ADVISED TODAY THAT THERE ARE NO CENTRAL REGISTERS MAINTAINED IN DEPT. OF DEFENSE EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL PROJECTS; NAMELY, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND ARMED FORCES SPECIAL WEAPONS PROJECT. OTHER OFFICES EITHER KEEP NO RECORD OF VISITORS OR A VERY CURSORY RECORD MAINTAINED BY RECEPTIONIST OR STENO ON A SELECTIVE BASIS. RUBENSTEIN AND HIS ASSISTANT, LT. COL. GEORGE HILL, EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY VISITORS TO SENSITIVE UNITS AND TO HIGH LEVEL PERSONNEL IN PENTAGON WOULD BE FRUITLESS SINCE ALSOPS WOULD NOT BE THE TYPE TO MAKE TRIPS TO PENTAGON TO MAKE CONTACTS BUT INSTEAD WOULD MAKE CONTACTS

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SOCIALLY OR THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY OR LEG MAN. RUBENSTEIN SUGGESTED CHECKING WITH OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, OSD, TO DETERMINE IF ALSOPS WERE KNOWN TO CONTACT THIS BUREAU OR TO VISIT DEPT. OF DEFENSE. COL. JOHN S. EDGERTON, OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, OSD, ADVISED HIS UNIT REVIEWS ALL VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTED MATERIAL FOR CLEARANCE FOR THE ENTIRE DEPT. OF DEFENSE. EDGERTON STRESSED THAT REPORTERS AND JOURNALISTS DO NOT HAVE TO CLEAR ANY MATERIAL WITH THE DEPT OF DEFENSE OR ANY OTHER AGENCY AND THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT ANY ARTICLE BE CLEARED PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. SOME WRITERS CLEAR THEIR ARTICLES BUT MANY DO NOT. THE ALSOPS, DREW PEARSON, AND OTHER WELL KNOWN COLUMNISTS ARE AMONG THOSE WRITERS WHO DO NOT CLEAR ARTICLES. EDGERTON MENTIONED THAT IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER NINETEEN FIFTY, KENT HUNTER OF HEARST PAPERS SUBMITTED AN ARTICLE DEALING WITH ATOMIC STOCKPILE, SOVIET ATOMIC CAPABILITIES, SOURCES OF URANIUM SUPPLIES, SITES OF ATOMIC PLANTS AND WAS GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THE ALSOP ARTICLE OF OCTOBER THIRTEENTH FIFTY EXCEPT THAT THE ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF SOVIET A-BOMBS DIFFERED. HUNTER CLAIMED HIS SOURCE MATERIAL WAS PUBLISHED SOURCES. EDGERTON DECLINED TO CLEAR THE ARTICLE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE OF THE STOCKPILE AND PRODUCTION FIGURES MENTIONED. THE FOLLOWING DAY AT TWO A.M. HUNTER CALLED HIM STATING THEY HAD RECHECKED AND VERIFIED ALL SOURCES AS PUBLIC SOURCES EXCEPT STOCKPILE

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FIGURES, AND INTENDED TO PUBLISH THE ARTICLE WITHOUT CLEARANCE WHICH THEY DID. EDGERTON STATED THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ARTICLES PUBLISHED SIMILAR TO THE ALSOP ARTICLES AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT AN INTELLIGENT COLUMNIST CAN COLLECT SUFFICIENT INFO THROUGH AVAILABLE PUBLIC SOURCES TO WRITE AN INFORMATIVE, CONVINCING, AND REASONABLY ACCURATE REPORT RE SOVIET ATOM BOMB STOCKPILE AND ON THE DETECTION METHODS OF AN A-BLAST. EDGERTON STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE ALSOP BROTHERS HAVE NEVER VISITED OPI AND HE HAS NOT HEARD OF THEIR MAKING CONTACTS AT PENTAGON. HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD A RUMOR THAT ALSOP HAD ENTREE TO SECRETARY'S OFFICE IN DAYS OF FORRESTAL BUT INDICATED HE KNEW NOTHING FURTHER OF THIS RUMOR. EDGERTON INDICATED HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH EITHER ALSOP BROTHER.

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Dr. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER was interviewed by Special Agent FRANK M. RAISBECK and the writer in his office located at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

At the beginning of the interview, he was shown photostatic copies of the articles prepared by JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP,

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namely, "How Red A-Blast was Detected" which was published in the Washington Post on Sunday, December 31, 1950 and "The Kremlin's Growing Stockpile" which also appeared in the Washington Post, on October 13, 1950. He said that he had not read either of these articles previously.

Dr. OPPENHEIMER was questioned at this point as to whether or not the material contained in these articles would be of a classified nature. He said that undoubtedly some of the information was of a classified nature but that some of the information contained therein was inaccurate. He was then questioned as to the possible source of this material and whether or not he could place it as having appeared in any official classified document. Dr. OPPENHEIMER stated that he was aware that some of the information contained in the articles had also appeared in classified Government documents but that it was conjectural on his part to try to determine from which documents this information was obtained.

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Dr. OPPENHEIMER was questioned concerning whether or not the information in the articles could have been taken from top secret document

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Concerning the ALSOPs' article of December 31, 1950 entitled "How Red A-Blast was Detected", Dr. OPPENHEIMER stated that it had numerous inaccuracies which he did not feel he should divulge, but that on the basis of the inaccuracies, he felt that the information was not taken directly from documents with which he is familiar. Further, he stated that if the ALSOPs had actually seen the documents, it would then follow that their article would have been more accurate.

Dr. OPPENHEIMER said that it would only be conjectural on his part as to how the ALSOPs came into such information. He explained that thousands of people have knowledge of the method of detection concerning an atomic explosion and that it was used by the United States as early as 1945. He pointed out that personnel attached to the Joint Chiefs of Staffs, Atomic Energy Commission, State Department, Tracaps Laboratory, and the U. S. Air Force would all have gained some knowledge of its operation by the nature of their work. He said that he did not at any time discuss the method of detection

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used to track down the Russian A-Bomb explosion with anyone other than Admiral PARSON, ROBERT BACHER, and V. BUSH, who together with himself comprised a special committee that conferred and submitted the final draft of [redacted] 3-1
Further, he stated that all of them had agreed to the final conclusions of [redacted] S

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S-1 Dr. OPPENHEIMER stated, however, that the conclusion resulting from [redacted] as discussed by him before a joint Congressional Committee two days before the announcement by the President of the fact that the Russians had exploded an atom bomb. Dr. OPPENHEIMER said he was hard pressed for information by the Congressional Committee but that he did not furnish them with any facts about the method by which they had become aware of the Russian A-Blast.

S-1 Dr. OPPENHEIMER said he was not able to advise who besides himself would have had access to [redacted] outside of the group referred to above. He himself has one copy of this memo, which he stated no one has access to other than his personal secretary, Mrs. KATHERINE RUSSELL, and himself.

He advised that he is acquainted with both the ALSOP brothers but that he knows JOSEPH ALSOP better. He said that he met the ALSOPs in early 1946 and has seen them three or four times and received possibly two letters from them. Dr. OPPENHEIMER said that he has never furnished either of the ALSOPs with any information. Further, he stated that the ALSOPs, realizing his position, have not embarrassed him by asking him questions involving his work.

After reviewing the articles, Dr. OPPENHEIMER said that the only recognizable language contained in either article which was familiar to him was the quoted part contained in the article entitled "How Red A-Blast was Detected" which began "The chances are 999 to 1 that it was a bomb that went off....." He said that this particular language sounded familiar to him and that it appeared like something he would say. He believed that this particular quotation had probably been said by him at the time that he appeared before the Joint Congressional Committee in September, 1949. However, he also said that he could not state that that was his exact wording.

Dr. OPPENHEIMER said that he could not identify the source of the material contained in the articles as having been taken directly from any particular document. Again he reiterated that he doubted that the material was taken directly by the ALSOPs from a particular document inasmuch as the

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articles contained inaccuracies

Concerning this other document, he remarked that he could only guess as to the number of copies which were disseminated. He stated that he thought it would be approximately thirty copies and the number of people with knowledge of the information incorporated in this document would number in the hundreds.

Dr. OPPENHEIMER indicated that from a review of the AISOP article, he would surmise that their information had come through conversation with someone familiar with official documents relating to the subject rather than from an actual review of the documents themselves. Dr. OPPENHEIMER said that he was not a member of any board or group which helped in the preparation of documents similar to [REDACTED] 53

In regard to Dr. OPPENHEIMER's being aware of any other articles written by columnists relating to classified material, he advised that in January of 1950, he had lunch with JOSEPH AISOP. At this time AISOP made a passing remark about the Hydrogen Bomb, to which OPPENHEIMER made no reply. As near as Dr. OPPENHEIMER could recall, the conversation by AISOP was as follows or in words to this effect, "What are we doing about re-armament? First the Atom Bomb, now the H-Bomb." To this, Dr. OPPENHEIMER stated he merely replied "Yes" in a non-committal fashion.

It is to be noted that according to Dr. OPPENHEIMER, this conversation took place when the Hydrogen Bomb was considered classified in official circles. The fact that AISOP mentioned it at all was a surprise to him, said Dr. OPPENHEIMER. He became alarmed when AISOP subsequently wrote two columns about the Hydrogen Bomb. These articles, Dr. OPPENHEIMER stated, contained an unusual knowledge of the debate which was going on at that time concerning the H-Bomb and whether or not it should be used. He questioned the fact that this information was contained in these articles inasmuch as all facts concerning the H-Bomb were to the best of his knowledge classified.

Except for the above, Dr. OPPENHEIMER said he knows of no other articles written by either the AISOPs or any other writer which might have

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contained classified information. He pointed out that he would not be aware of whether or not the information was classified unless it specifically referred to information in connection with atomic research.

Dr. OPPENHEIMER said that he is not personally aware of the use of any type of information such as contained

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in any other Government publication.

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Concerning the article which contained the write-up about the Russian stockpile of A-Bombs, Dr. OPPENHEIMER said that he could not state where the AISOPs got their estimates and that he did not feel free to discuss the accuracy of these articles inasmuch as such information was highly confidential. However, he explained that such information is made available to him and to other members of the Atomic Energy Commission through one MALCOLM HENDERSON, whom he believes to be the Deputy Director of the Intelligence Division of the Atomic Energy Commission.

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DATE: January 13, 1951

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SUBJECT: STEWART ALSOP;
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Attached herewith are copies of the report of Special Agent
CARLTON C. [REDACTED] at Newark, concerning the inter-
view with [REDACTED]

Reference is made to the section in which [REDACTED]
furnished his suspicions concerning GORDON ARNESON of the State Depart-
ment. While [REDACTED] did not request that his suspicions regard-
ing ARNESON be held confidential, he was extremely reluctant to furnish
ARNESON's name and requested that if any investigation is conducted of
ARNESON, that it be done in a method which would not disclose the fact
that he had furnished ARNESON's name to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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He furnished name of GORDON ARNESON, who sits on atomic desk in State Department, as an "unusual chatty" individual who is in position where he could furnish info. OPPENHEIMER states he is extremely reluctant to furnish this info inasmuch as his suspicions are unfounded and he could furnish no shred of proof. He considers ARNESON completely loyal to U. S. but perhaps indiscreet.

DETAILS:

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in that he said that he did not recall any report containing such material. He added, however, that many top level individuals in the Atomic Energy Commission periodically received intelligence reports which were along these general lines, but that the Atomic Energy Commission in and of itself did not make such studies.

Dr. BACHER advised that after considering and discussing the matter for some little time that he felt reasonably certain that the source of the subject's information was probably at least several steps removed from the original group of about 40 men who were present at the conference at which the evaluation, correlation, and conclusions were made. He said he based this particularly on two facts. One, that the terminology of the article put an emphasis on "special metals" which was not recognizable as anything from the conference; two, the article reported certain scientists as being present at this conference when in fact they were not. In drawing these conclusions, BACHER also pointed out that he was certain that had any individual actually seen the report which he co-authored and had in turn made it available to the ALSOPS, that he would certainly have noted the authors thereof and would not have then erroneously reported the complement of the scientific group which did the evaluation.

In summation with regard to BACHER's speculation as to the subjects' source, he said that he felt that the subject got their information as a result of "leaks" from a high level source. He added, however, that he had the feeling that these "leaks" were of a non-technical source.

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At the time of the interview, BACHER was questioned as to his knowledge of any possible "controlled leaks" on the part of any Governmental agencies. He said that he quite often had the feeling that in reading news dispatches and columnists that this sort of a tactic was used in order to further their own ends, particularly in reference to appropriation desired, but he personally knew of no such specific instance being used. He further said that he could think of no agency involved in this matter which would have had any reason for making this type of information available to the subjects as a possible "controlled leak" to further its own end.

Dr. BACHER stated that on the day before he had had an all day conference with Major General NELSON of the Air Force, and at this time in passing NELSON had remarked that the articles by the AISOPS had caused "quite a furor in Washington", and that the Atomic Energy Commission was quite concerned about the matter.

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reaching a conclusion. He made particular reference to this fact because he felt that in tracing a possible source of information to the subjects it would indicate to him that it must have been received from an individual who was not present at the gathering, in that he felt that all members of the committee were so well known to the others that there was little likelihood of mistaking the identity of the scientists responsible for the evaluation, correlation, and conclusion. S-1(\$)

BACHER noted also that in addition to the 40 odd men actually present at this conference that there were undoubtedly numerous other individuals who had been associated with the individuals who reported their findings who doubtless knew pretty much the whole story of what had transpired and what the problem confronting the committee entailed.

Dr. BACHER said that he has never seen a copy of the report which he co-authored and does not recall for certain the exact title designation attributed to it.

He said that for this reason he does not recall all of the exact content of the report but his recollection was that the report which he co-authored did not touch upon the means outlined in the article as being possible avenues for detection of the fact that an A-blast had occurred. He further amplified this by stating based on his recollection of material of the report he co-authored, he would state that some of the material contained in the article was actually at variance with material contained therein. BACHER was not specific as to what facts in the article were incorrect, stating that he did not feel they were pertinent to an attempt to locate a possible source of the information.

Dr. BACHER stated that he was practically certain that the sentence reported in the article to the effect, "The chances are 999 to 1 that it was a bomb that went off, and if it was not a bomb, neither I nor any of my colleagues can think of what it might have been," was definitely not a verbatim statement from the report, nor was it a statement he had heard any member of the committee make. BACHER said that he was reasonably certain that no member of the committee which co-authored the report, because of his inherent conservatism by reason of scientific training, would make such a statement.

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BACHER advised that a document referred to as [REDACTED]

was entirely unfamiliar to him. He stated that doubtless he was apprised of the contents of this along with many other memorandums at the time the hearings were taking place, but he could not identify it by this title.

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3-2 [REDACTED] he said that he very distinctly remembered this memorandum. BACHER said, however, that he seriously doubted that the subjects of this case, or any other individual who made information available to them, had based material in the article upon this report. He said reasons for this conclusion were that [REDACTED] memorandum contained much "spectacular information", and he felt that had the information contained in this memorandum been made available to the subjects either directly or indirectly they probably would have used some of this "spectacular information" in order to further dramatize the content of the news article.

BACHER in commenting upon the article "The Kremlin's Growing Stock Pile" and the portion of the December 31, 1950 article which dealt with the current Soviet bomb output, said that this information was purely in the realm of speculation. BACHER said that he has from time to time read many intelligence reports which have speculated upon the Soviet A-Bomb rate of production and stock-piling, but that his impression has always been that these were purely speculations and were only partially based on fact. He said that although he has read many such intelligence appraisals put out by various branches of the Government, he does not recall any specific one which used numbers and terminologies in a manner that might make such a report identifiable as a possible source of the material contained in these articles.

He said he likewise has heard individuals verbally express speculations as to greater production and stock-piling but he has never heard any individual do so in such a manner that he would be able to identify statements made as a possible source of the material upon which these two articles were based.

BACHER stated that he was quite positive that the material with regard to Soviet A-Bomb production and stock-piling was not obtained from Atomic Energy Commission reports

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used by the ALSOP brothers in these articles. He said that it seemed significant to him that the writers incorrectly identified the individuals who were selected on a committee of scientists to appraise, correlate, and reach conclusions as to whether a bomb had in fact been exploded by the Soviets. He called attention to the fact that the article stated that this matter was entrusted to the Scientific Advisory Commission of the Atomic Energy Commission and named such men as being on this commission as Professor ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, Dr. ENRICO FERMI, OLIVER BUCKLEY, and JAMES BRYANT CONANT. He pointed out that actually the group that did the evaluating and formed the conclusions was made up of ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, Rear Admiral W. S. PARSONS, VANNEVAR BUSH, and himself. He said that as he recalled, some other individual was first scheduled to serve on the committee, but for some unrecalled reason was unable to do so.

BACHER called attention to the fact that the manner in which the evaluation and conclusion was handled was set up about as follows: Some 40 men were present at a conference at which various and sundry reports were made concerning the possibility that the Soviets had exploded an atomic missile. He said that of the roughly 40 men present, there were representatives from many of the Government agencies who had had a part in gathering data concerning this possible happening which was to be evaluated. S-1 (S)

He said that the actual function of his committee was to review all the material and evidence presented and was then to draw conclusions as to whether in fact such an atomic blast had been set off or not. He called attention to the fact that in all probability all of the forty odd men present definitely knew the identities of the four scientists who were to correlate and evaluate the findings for the purpose of S-1 (S) u

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DETAILS:

At Pasadena, California:

On January 13, 1951, Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER was interviewed in his office at the Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics on the campus of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena by the writer and Special Agent THOMAS J. COONEY.

Dr. BACHER stated he did not know either STEWART or JOSEPH ALSOP although he is familiar with their column which appears in a local paper. He said that there was a possibility that the ALSOPS might be known to some of his, BACHER's, associates but that he did not know definitely that such was the case.

A photostat of the article by subject STEWART ALSOP dated October 13, 1950, appearing in the column "Matter of Fact" and headed "The Kremlin's Growing Stock Pile" was displayed to Dr. BACHER. BACHER stated that he thought it might be possible he had seen the article before but he was not at all sure. He was then shown a photostat of the article from the Washington Post newspaper dated December 31, 1950, headed "Matter of Fact" which dealt with the subject "New Red A-Blast Was Detected." Dr. BACHER studied the second article intensively for several minutes, and then commented, "It's amazing how they get this information."

One of BACHER's initial comments after reading the aforementioned article was to state, "They are obviously wrong in some of the material, but a portion of it runs pretty close to the facts." He went on to state that he based this statement on the fact that certain of the terminology used therein was rather non-scientific in nature, pointing out that the reference to "contains highly special metals" as appearing in this article is unlikely terminology to have been used by a scientist.

BACHER went on to speculate as to the possible source of a "leak" which formed the basis of the material

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On interview Dr. ROBERT F. BACHER stated he does not know subjects nor is he aware that they are known to any of his associates, and he has no knowledge of how subjects could have obtained information. He does not recognize terminology "Chances are 999 to 1" as having been used by him or any scientist who co-authored report. Speculates that "look" must have been obtained from individual not actually present at conference which evaluated and correlated information; that improbable information received from actual report in that text of articles varied in essential details and "non-scientific" terminology used.

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PURPOSE:

To advise you that on January 8, 1951, Chairman Gordon Dean of AEC was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office relative to the source of the information appearing in the articles by Stewart and Joseph Alsop on October 13, 1950, and December 31, 1950, respectively. Dean denied all knowledge of the identity of the source of the Alsops and suggested during the interview that Mr. James S. Lay, Jr., of the National Security Council be interviewed inasmuch as it was probable that certain pertinent documents were synopsized at the National Security Council in the form of a cover memorandum which would be attached to the documents to be taken to the White House. It is therefore recommended that Liaison interview Mr. James S. Lay, Jr., and any other individuals at the National Security Council in order to determine the identity of individuals having access to the top secret information relative to Russian atomic bomb production and strategic air power.

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that under date of January 5, 1951, Mr. Peyton Ford, Deputy Attorney General, forwarded to the Bureau two photostatic copies of two articles which appeared in the Washington Post. One article was entitled "How Red A-Blast Was Detected," which appeared in the Washington Post under date of December 31, 1950, in the column entitled "Matter of Fact," written by Joseph and Stewart Alsop. The second article appeared in the January 3, 1951, issue of the Washington Post and was written by Alfred Friendly, Post reporter. This article quoted Gordon Dean, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, as stating that the source from which it was learned that Russia has an A-bomb is a "tightly held secret."

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In addition to the above article, Stewart Alsop wrote an article on October 13, 1950, in his column "Matter of Fact," which appeared in the Washington Post entitled "The Kremlin's Growing Stockpile." A photostatic copy of the October 13, 1950, article, as well as a photostatic copy of the December 31, 1950, article, is enclosed herewith for the information of Liaison in handling the above interview.

You will note that Alsop, in his article of October 13, 1950, states that it is now possible to get "accepted current intelligence estimates of Soviet production of atomic bombs." He then sets forth certain figures relative to Soviet atomic production, as well as the present status of Soviet strategic air power.

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Under date of January 8, 1951, Mr. Gordon Dean, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office. During the interview Dean denied all knowledge of the identity of the source of the leak of information to the Alsop brothers and indicated that he would cooperate in every respect with the Bureau in an effort to determine the source of the leak to the Alsops. He suggested during the interview that Mr. James S. Lay, Jr. of the National Security Council be contacted relative to this matter and pointed out the probability that the pertinent documents containing top secret information were synopsisized at the National Security Council in the form of a cover memorandum which would be attached to the documents and taken to the White House.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Liaison interview Mr. James S. Lay, Jr. of the National Security Council in order to determine, if possible, from him whether any information has been received by the Alsop brothers through that source concerning the method used by the United States to determine that Russia has an atomic bomb. It is further requested that Liaison obtain any other pertinent information concerning the activities of the Alsops which may be known to Mr. Lay or other executives of the National Security Council.

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[REDACTED] RE-INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. HE ADVISED HE HAD NO FURTHER SUGGESTION ON HOW TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF ALSOPS INFORMATION, THAT BY REASON OF HIS RECENT CONTACT WITH JOE ALSOP IN WASHINGTON, HE DESIRED ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE THE BUREAU FURNISHED BY HIM BE REPORTED UNDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SYMBOL AND IN SUCH MANNER THAT HIS IDENTITY WOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED. HE STATED HE SPECIFICALLY DESIRED HIS CONTACT WITH JOE ALSOP NOT BE REPORTED OUTSIDE BUREAU. HE ADVISED THAT IF AT SOME FUTURE DATE SOME PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED IN IDENTIFYING HIM, HE WOULD GIVE THIS CONSIDERATION, BUT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS WAS DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME. BASED ON [REDACTED]

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HAS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE
ALSOP BROTHERS. HE MET JOSEPH ALSOP IN CHINA DURING THE WAR AT WHICH
TIME JOSEPH ALSOP WAS AIDE DASH DE DASH CAMP TO GENERAL CLAIRE CHENNAULT.

HAS BEEN ENTERTAINED AT JOSEPH ALSOP-S HOME IN GEORGE-
TOWN. HE SAID THE ALSOP BROTHERS ARE RELATED TO THE LATE PRESIDENT
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AND TO THE ANNA LONGWORTH ROOSEVELT FAMILY., THAT
WHILE IN CHINA JOSEPH ALSOP CORRESPONDED DIRECTLY WITH THE LATE
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. HE BELIEVED THE ALSOPS TO BE CLOSE FRIENDS WITH
SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON. IN ADDITION HE KNOWS THE ALSOPS ARE
WELL ACQUAINTED WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL BERNARD A. LOPER, MAJOR GENERAL
KENNETH NICHOLS, LT. GENERAL LAWRENCE NORSTADT AND MAJOR GENERAL SAMUEL
ANDERSON, ALL BELIEVED TO BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AT PRESENT. HE SAID
THAT DURING THE WAR THE ALSOPS WERE FIRM SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW DEAL.
HE BELIEVED THE ALSOPS TO BE LOYAL AND HONEST AND SAID HE WAS AMAZED
THEY WOULD PUBLISH THE ARTICLES DATED OCTOBER THIRTEEN, FIFTY AND
DECEMBER THIRTYONE, FIFTY WITHOUT CLEARANCE. HE STATED HE HAD NO PRIOR
KNOWLEDGE OF THE INFORMATION IN THE ARTICLE OF DECEMBER THIRTYONE RE-

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GARDING THE USE OF THE AIR FORCE TAKING AIR SAMPLES WHICH WERE SUBJECTE
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DOCUMENTS CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION. [HE WAS AWARE OF SOME CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION REGARDING ENIWETOK WHEREIN METEOROLOGICAL STUDIES WERE MADE
OF RADIO ACTIVE CLOUDS AFTER THE BOMB EXPLOSION BUT THAT HE HAD NO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF MORE RECENT DATE THAN THE ENIWETOK TESTS.] HE
STATED HE HAS BEEN AWAY FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR ONE AND ONE HALF YEAR
AND HAS NOT KEPT UP TO DATE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD. HE AL
STATED IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT THE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FACT THAT
THE EXPLOSION GAVE OFF A RADIO ACTIVE CLOUD APPEARED IN THE SMYTH REPORT
ON ATOMIC ENERGY. HE SAID HE HAS NEVER DISCUSSED ANY OF THE ABOVE MATTERS
WITH THE ALSOPS. HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE ALSOP
ARTICLES WITH THE LANGUAGE IN ANY CLASSIFIED REPORTS SEEN BY HIM. HE
COULD NAME NO ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FROM WHICH THE ARTICLES COULD HAVE BEEN
PREPARED. HE SUGGESTED THE BUREAU INTERVIEW THE ABOVE MENTIONED ASSOC-
CIATES OF THE ALSOPS AND IN ADDITION CONTACT GENERAL HOYT VANDENBERG FOR
DETAILS CONCERNING CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE
BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, [REDACTED] HAS IN THE PAST
GIVEN HIS UTMOST COOPERATION TO THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AND HAS EXPRESSED
HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE BUREAU AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE DIRECTOR. HE HAS
ALWAYS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY FRANK AND OUTSPOKEN IN ALL DEALINGS WITH THIS

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OFFICE. FI. HE STATED HE WOULD MAKE ANY INQUIRY THE BUREAU DEEMED ADVIS-
ABLE AS HE FELT THE BUREAU-S INVESTIGATION MIGHT BE AIDED BY HIM .
IN VIEW OF HIS IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON ON OTHER BUSINESS HE
VOLUNTEERED TO CONFRONT THE ALSOPS WITH THE ARTICLES AND ADVISE THEM
HE WAS AMAZED THEY WOULD PRINT SUCH INFORMATION OF A SECRET NATURE AND
HE WOULD OBTAIN THEIR REACTION TO THIS. HE WOULD ALSO ENDEAVOR TO OB-
TAIN FROM THEM THE SOURCE FOR THE INFORMATION IN THE ARTICLES AND WILL
ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE RESULTS OF HIS CONTACT WITH THE ALSOPS.
BECAUSE SF IS NOT COGNIZANT OF ALL ASPECTS OF INVESTIGATION [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS ADVISED SF IS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A DECISION AS
TO WHETHER HE SHOULD CONTACT THE ALSOPS AS OUTLINED ABOVE, BUT SF
WOULD MAKE HIS GENEROUS OFFER KNOWN TO THE DIRECTOR. [REDACTED]
STATED HE WOULD TAKE NO ACTION UNLESS HE IS CONTACTED BY THE BUREAU
AT WASHINGTON AND GIVEN SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS REGARD. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IS PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY, JANUARY FOURTEEN, BY AIR
WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED AT THE HOTEL STATLER ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN. HE ADVISED THAT CONTACT
WITH HIM SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH HIS [REDACTED] IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU ADVISE WFO IF SUCH AN INQUIRY BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IS DEEMED ADVISABLE AND IF SO THE WFO SHOULD CONTACT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE PROPOSED PLAN INASMUCH AS
[REDACTED] IS EXTREMELY BUSY AND WOULD NEED TIME TO MAKE ARRANGE-
MENTS TO SEE THE ALSOPS. HE IS RETURNING TO SAN FRANCISCO WEDNESDAY

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EVENING NEXT. SFO BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE PROFITABLE TO UTILIZE [REDACTED] AND MIGHT SAVE CONSIDERABLE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE BUREAU IF GENERAL WEDEMEYER IS SUCCESSFUL IN HIS CONTACT WITH THE ALSOPS. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THE BUREAU CAN FULLY RELY ON THE DISCRETION AND GOOD JUDGMENT OF [REDACTED] IN CONTACTING THE ALSOPS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
STEWART ALSOP, JOSEPH ALSOP, UNSUB, ESPIONAGE X. RE WFO TEL JAN. SEVENTEEN LAST. CARROLL WILSON, CANNONDALE, CONN., FORMER GEN. MANAGER, AEC, ADMITS LIMITED ACQUAINTANCE WITH STEWART ALSOP AND CASUAL SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH JOSEPH HAVING VISITED LATTERS HOME IN WASHINGTON ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. WILSON DENIES FURNISHING INFO. TO OR MAKING ANY COMMENT ON QUERIES DIRECTED TO HIM BY ALSOPS. WILSON'S PERUSAL OF THREE ALSOP ARTICLES, REPORTEDLY FOR FIRST TIME FAILED TO RECOGNIZE LANGUAGE OR POSSIBLE SOURCES OF MATERIAL FOR SAME. WILSON HAD NO INFO. RE DISSEMINATION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE CONTAINED INFO. MENTIONED IN ALSOP COLUMNS AND WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ESTIMATE AS TO NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OR PART OF THE PERTINENT INFO. IN THE ARTICLES. WILSON FEELS THAT IF THE ALSOPS DID A CAREFUL CLIPPING JOB SUBSEQUENT TO SEPT. FORTYNINE THEY COULD HAVE PIECED TOGETHER SUFFICIENT DATA TO WRITE ARTICLES. INACCURACIES IN COLUMNS POINTED OUT BY WILSON. NOT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY ANY DEFINITE CONFERENCE IN WHICH PERTINENT DATA WAS DISCUSSED RESULTING IN A LATER LEAK TO SUBJECTS. NO INFO. OBTAINED RE POOR SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT AT VARIOUS GOVT. AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. DETAILED, EXPEDITE REPORT FOLLOWING

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-- ATTENTION - ASST. TO DIRECTOR D. M. LADD --

STEWART ALSOP, ETAL, ESP - X. REBUTEL AND WFO TEL JANUARY EIGHTEEN
INSTANT. IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] S STATEMENT AT WASHINGTON, D.C.,

IT IS BELIEVED THAT ABSOLUTELY NO DISSEMINATION BE MADE OF REPORT OF
DAVID E. TODD DATED JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST, UNTIL [REDACTED] CAN BE
SPECIFICALLY CONSULTED RE STATEMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY HIM. IT IS NOTED
THAT HIS CONTACT WITH JOSEPH ALSOP PLACES HIM IN A DIFFERENT POSITION
AND IT IS BELIEVED THIS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM. [REDACTED]

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STEWART ALSOP, ETAL. ESP - X. RE WFO TEL JANUARY EIGHTEEN, REFLECTING
THAT BUREAUS CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] WOULD BE HELD IN STRICTEST
CONFIDENCE AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD [REDACTED] SERVICES
BE MADE KNOWN OUTSIDE THIS BUREAU. IN VIEW OF THIS IT IS BELIEVED
ADVISABLE THAT THE REPORT OF DAVID E. TODD DATED JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST
AT SAN FRANCISCO BE MARKED ADMINISTRATIVE IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND NOT
DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU. UACB THIS REPORT BEING MARKED ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE THIS OFFICE.

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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION INSPECTOR CARL HENNRICH

STEWART ALSOP, JOSEPH ALSOP UNSUBS. ESP - X. RE TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

[REDACTED] WAS REINTERVIEWED JANUARY TWENTY. HE ADVISED HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE DISSEMINATION OF INFO ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS - ONE - HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE ALSOPS. TWO - THAT HE BELIEVED THEM TO BE HONEST AND DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD PUBLISH SUCH INFO WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE. THREE - THAT HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE SOURCE OF THE INFO, NOR HAD HE SEEN ANY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CONTAINING THIS INFO. FOUR - THAT HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS INFO WITH THE ALSOPS NOR HAD HE FURNISHED THEM SUCH INFO. AMENDED PAGES ONE AND TWO OF THE REP OF SA ~~DURAN~~ DAVID E. TODD DATED JAN. FIFTEEN LAST WRITTEN FOR DISEMMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE INTERVIEW WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND WFO AMSD THIS DATE.

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Matter Of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

The Kremlin's Growing Stockpile

IT IS now possible to give the accepted current intelligence estimates of Soviet production of atomic bombs. It is not possible, of course, to know how accurate these estimates are—there is no more difficult intelligence target than the Soviet Union. But it can be said that they are advanced with considerable confidence, and are accepted as a basis for American strategic planning.

The Soviets will have 22 bombs by the end of this year—by December 31, 1950. Rightly or wrongly, this figure is considered wholly reliable. So is the estimate of current Soviet atomic production—two bombs a month. It is also confidently believed that this production rate will not be substantially increased during the year 1951. This gives a total Soviet stockpile of 44 bombs by January 1, 1952.

The Soviets are, however, now constructing a great new atomic production plant in the Urals. This plant is being built with all the relentless energy of which Lavrenti Beria, secret police chief charged with responsibility for Soviet atomic production, is capable. It is expected that it will come into production at about the beginning of 1952.

HERE the estimates are, naturally, less precise. But it is believed that this new plant should step up the Soviet atomic production rate to between five and seven bombs a month. At this rate, by January 1, 1953, the Soviet stockpile should amount to a minimum of just over 100 bombs, or a maximum of 130 bombs. By the end of 1955, the Soviet stockpile is expected to total approximately 300 bombs.

It is believed that this may

tial, which is all that stands between the Kremlin and world domination.

YET, as Churchill said, the rate of Soviet atomic production, as estimated above, does give us "a considerable interval." And as he also said, "it is this interval which we must not waste." In other words, we have some time—some time, but not very much.

If anything is certain, it is that the Kremlin will not consciously start a war which it cannot expect to win. And for at least two years, and perhaps longer, the Soviet could not expect to win a war, if these estimates of atomic production are correct. Even 100 bombs, delivered at the right time and in the right places, could do tremendous damage. But the Soviets will not be able to deliver 100 bombs at the right time in the right places even when the Soviet stockpile totals 100.

This is because of the problem of delivery. There are three main techniques of delivery. One is by bomb-laden merchant ships exploded in the harbors of coastal cities. But this is for technical reasons the least destructive way of using the bomb. Moreover, its effect would be confined to coastal areas and therefore could not be decisive. The second way is by guided missiles, fired from submarines. But again, according to the most reliable intelligence, the Soviets do not now have and will not soon have either the missiles to do this job with any degree of accuracy, or submarines capable of transporting such missiles and serving as platforms.

THERE remains, of course, the air. The Soviet strategic air force is now believed to consist of about 400 B-29 type, long-range bombers. This air force will, of course, grow—but so will American defense and the

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT
FROM : C. E. HENNRICH
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PURPOSE:

To submit for your info an analysis of the investigation conducted by the WFO to date reflecting basic info and possible available sources used by the Alsops in the preparation of articles for publication in their column, "Matter of Fact."

BACKGROUND:

At the present time, the investigation by the WFO, which is being conducted upon instructions from the Attorney General at the request of the President, reflects that three articles have appeared in the Alsops' column dealing with highly-classified info. The first article was dated 10/13/50, which dealt with Soviet A-bomb production and strategic air power.

The second article was dated 12/31/50 and published in the "Washington Post", as were the other two articles. This article was entitled "How Red A-Blast was Detected."

The third article, dated 12/20/50, discussed National Security Council Directive No. 68, which is a highly-classified document dealing with the defense potential of the U. S. In connection with this article, it is to be noted that this item was not included in the request for investigation from the Attorney General but has come to the attention of the Bureau during the course of the investigation.

An analysis of the articles published by the Alsops, which have been mentioned above, reflect that the following principal items were discussed:

1. Soviet A-bomb production, statistics, the location of Soviet Atom Bomb production plants, and Soviet strategic air power.
2. Methods used by the U. S. in detecting a Russian A-blast.
3. Specific knowledge of the existence of National Security Council Directive No. 68, dealing with the U. S. war potential.

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Investigation to date reflects that five basic government documents contain information which may have been examined by Alsops or upon which they may have been briefed. These are:

Referral/Direct

- (1) [redacted] S-1 (S)(u)
- (2) An undated memo from General Vandenberg (USAF) to the Secretary of Defense. This memo was reviewed by the President on 9/21/49. S-2 (u)
- (3) An undated diary covering the period between 6/30/49 and 11/6/49 S-1
- (4) [redacted] S-3 (S)(u)
- (5) National Security Council Directive #68. u

With respect to information appearing in Alsops' column under date of 10/13/50, dealing with Soviet A-bomb production statistics, Soviet A-bomb plants, and Soviet strategic air power, the following has been developed through investigation conducted to date by WFO:

Referral/Consult

Information in the Alsops' column appeared in the National Security Council Directive #68, and according to Col. Sidney S. Rubenstein and Lt. Col. Hill of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, similar information appeared in a document of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee. Neither Col. Rubenstein or Lt. Col. Hill could identify the specific document. S-2 (S)(u)

[redacted]

In addition, the 4/19/50 issue of an intelligence digest contained information indicating that a Soviet atomic production plant was being constructed in the Urals. This intelligence digest has wide distribution through various government agencies. S-3 (S)(u)

With respect to the accuracy of Alsops' column referred to above, investigation indicates that the statistics relative to the Soviet atomic production are "reasonably accurate." Investigation to date further indicates that Alsops could have obtained from public sources, information relative to Soviet production through the following sources:

- (1) The 6/15/50 edition of the New York Times contained an article describing an address by Commander William T. Greenhalgh entitled "Soviet Shortages in Arms Race Cited." This article stated that the Russians had 400 long-range bombers comparable to U. S. B-29's and that the Soviets had 40 atom bombs and could produce bombs at the rate of 25 per year.
- (2) The U. S. News and World Reports dated 8/25/50, stated that the Russians had 26 atom bombs. Alsops' article of 10/13/50, indicated that Russia had 22 atom bombs.
- (3) The New York Times on 1/15/49, contained information to the effect that a Soviet A-bomb Plant was located in the Urals.

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- (4) "Business Week" of 7/8/50 contained an article indicating that Russia had 8 to 10 A-bombs.
- (5) U. S. News and World Reports for 5/50 contained information indicating that Russia had less than 25 A-bombs.

Investigation to date has developed the fact that 28 people, who have been interviewed, have indicated knowledge of the existence of classified documents containing some portion of the information which appeared in one of the three Alsop articles previously mentioned in this memo.

The investigation by WFO has also developed the fact that information may have been extracted from the five basic documents listed above and disseminated through the Government in the form of summaries, briefs, or memoranda.

As a result, the present estimate by those who have been interviewed indicates that a minimum of "several hundred individuals in government" may have had access to the information contained in the basic documents in some form or another.

With respect to Alsops' article dealing with the methods used in detecting the Russian A-bomb blast, the investigation by WFO has developed the following facts:

Referral/Direct

The original information relative to research, pertaining to the Russian A-blast, was set forth in a report prepared by the Research & Development Board based on findings developed [redacted] s-1
Investigation to date indicates that this information was probably extracted from the original document by the Research & Development Board and incorporated into other documents for purposes of administrative handling, briefing, and preparation of summaries. ~~SECRET~~

Five individuals interviewed to date have indicated that the article by Alsops was partially accurate as compared with the original documents but was inaccurate in that the Soviet atomic explosion was not discovered through the use of the seismograph or the Geiger counter and that it was further in error as to the list of scientists who developed the conclusions relative to radio-active findings.

Alsops may have obtained this information from the following sources other than the original documents:

- (1) Various public writings of scientists.
- (2) The 10/3/49 edition of "Life" which contained an article entitled "Long-Range Detection of A-Bomb Explosion".
- (3) Information which may have been given in part at briefings of newsmen by the U. S. Air Force.

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At the present time, based on interviews conducted to date, it is estimated that there are "several hundred" individuals who have had access to documents of a classified nature or to documents containing portions of classified information, relative to the discovery of the Russian A-bomb explosion.

With respect to the existence of National Security Directive #68, dealing with the U. S. war potential, the Liaison Section is presently conducting an investigation to determine the extent of the dissemination of this Directive and the identity of individuals who have knowledge of its existence and the information contained therein. S-4 (U)

On the basis of investigation conducted to date, there is no public source information available relative to the existence of National Security Council Directive #68, inasmuch as its mere existence is considered a highly confidential matter.

From the above, it appears probable that several hundred individuals have knowledge of the contents of the classified documents which contain classified information previously published in Alsops' column.

Furthermore, investigation to date has reflected the fact that the Alsops have, through the various branches of the Government, an extensive number of contacts and sources of information through which portions of the vital information may have been obtained or from which source the Alsops may have been briefed.

In addition, it will be noted that there are several public sources of information which may have been utilized by the Alsops in arriving at parts of the information which appeared in the three articles mentioned above.

OBSERVATION:

1. In order to question everyone having knowledge of some or part of the basic info from which the Alsops may have obtained info for their articles, it is estimated that it will be necessary to interview several hundred, and perhaps more than a thousand individuals.
2. WFO is now interviewing selected persons who saw the basic documents in an effort to determine the scope of the info and possible sources available to the Alsops.
3. The Liaison Section is conducting inquiries at the National Security Council regarding persons there having knowledge of material included in the articles.
4. It appears that all info, while of a highly-classified nature, has been widely disseminated through the Government, either in its original form or in the form of memoranda or briefs relating to the information. It would therefore appear, that in view of the public sources available and the wide distribution

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of the confidential documents, the interview of several hundred or perhaps a thousand persons would not be justified.

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is therefore recommended that WFO interview those persons having knowledge of the basic documents based on information developed through investigation up to the present time. It is expected that this will involve the interview of 12 to 15 additional persons. It is further recommended that WFO interview the persons known to have had personal contact with the Alsops. These are General Albert ~~Wedemeyer~~ and Dr. ~~Vannevar Bush~~.

2. Upon the completion of the above, it is recommended that the complete facts be furnished to the Department prior to an interview with the Alsops, with a request for Departmental advice as to what further investigation is desired.

If you approve, there is attached herewith a letter to WFO instructing that the above interviews be conducted on the basis indicated.

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How Red A-Blast Was Detected

ONE OF THE MORE serious risks, according to the new legislation, is that the United States might be tempted to use its nuclear weapons against the Soviet Union. "If we have a nuclear war, we will have lost the war," says one of the authors of the bill, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J. "The only way to prevent that is to make sure that the Soviet Union does not have a nuclear war." The bill also calls for a "no first use" policy, which means that the United States will not be the first to use nuclear weapons in a conflict. "We can always be relied on," says Sen. Lautenberg, "to be the last to use them."

For the same reason, the FBI is not much more concerned with the fact that both explosions were reported as having been the result of a gas leak, although they are concerned with the fact that the explosion in the garage of the house which was exploded in the case of the 1944 was reported as having been the result of a gas leak.

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem. This involves gathering information about the situation and understanding the needs of the stakeholders involved.

2. Once the problem is identified, the next step is to develop a plan. This involves setting goals and determining the steps that need to be taken to achieve those goals.

3. The third step is to implement the plan. This involves putting the plan into action and monitoring progress.

4. Finally, the fourth step is to evaluate the results. This involves assessing the effectiveness of the plan and making adjustments as needed.

First, since a bomb exploded in a crowded area, last Thursday night, in the vicinity of the Washington, D.C., subway station, the FBI is investigating the possibility that the explosion was a terrorist act. The FBI is also investigating the possibility that the explosion was a result of a gas leak from a gas main.

Second, the radioactive particles which are dispersed in the atmosphere and which are the prevailing type of active cloud in the continental United States are different from those which are found at stations with GCMs. The particles are

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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be changed.

2. The second step is to set goals. These should be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound.

3. The third step is to develop a plan. This involves determining the steps that need to be taken to achieve the goals.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves putting the plan into action and making any necessary adjustments.

5. The fifth step is to evaluate the results. This involves assessing the progress made and determining if the goals have been achieved.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: STEWART ALSOP, ET AL
ESPIONAGE - X

DATE: January 20, 1951

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I called ASAC Dick Godfrey at San Francisco regarding their teletype of January 19, 1951. I pointed out that persons interviewed by WFO had suggested the name of [REDACTED] as a person who should be interviewed in connection with this inquiry and that in view of this fact it was essential that we reflect an interview with him in order to make the investigation complete.

Godfrey stated that by reason of commitments it would be necessary for [REDACTED] to again be interviewed in order to determine what statements he desired to make for inclusion in the report in connection with this investigation. He said this would be done today. I instructed that he thereafter submit a comprehensive teletype to the Bureau, followed by an investigative report which would properly reflect those statements of [REDACTED] which would be suitable for dissemination and that the appropriate symbol numbers be utilized for [REDACTED] and others who should be covered.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : D. M. Ladd *DL*
FROM : A. H. Belmont *AL*
SUBJECT: STEWART ALSOP
JOSEPH ALSOP
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
ESPIONAGE - X

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DATE: January 15, 1951

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*Per letter 1/19/91 9408R00met
2/5/93
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DATE 9/25/89 BY SP3 BTJ/ag*

Purpose:

To advise you that in connection with the inquiry being conducted upon instructions from Deputy Attorney General, Peyton Ford relative to information which appeared in the column "Matter of Fact," written by Stewart and Joseph Alsop on October 13 and December 31, 1950.

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[redacted] San Francisco, has been interviewed. He advised the San Francisco Office that he was acquainted with the Alsop brothers, that he had not disclosed any classified information to them, and that he was amazed that they would print such information without proper clearance.

[redacted] volunteered to personally contact Alsops, inasmuch as he will be in Washington, D. C., Monday through Wednesday, January 15, through January 17. It is recommended that the Washington field office be telephonically advised to request an appointment with [redacted] and request that he be on the alert for any information that may be developed concerning the source of the Alsop brothers information, and (2) that he be advised that should he desire to contact the Alsops, the Bureau will have no objection to the contact providing that it is made with the understanding that he is doing so at the request of the Bureau. *he not advise the Alsops*

Background:

You will recall that under date of January 5, 1951, Mr. Peyton Ford, Deputy Attorney General, forwarded to the Bureau a request for an investigation based on a memorandum from the President to the Attorney General requesting that the Federal Bureau of Investigation determine the source or sources of information through which Stewart and Joseph Alsop obtained information relative to Soviet A-Bomb production and strategic air power.

You will further recall that this information appeared in the Alsop column "Matter of Fact," in an article on October 13, 1950, entitled "The Kremlin's Stock Pile," and that a second article on December 31, 1950, entitled "How Red A-Blast Was Detected." [redacted]

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[redacted] The contents of the second article, mentioned above, have been described by Chairman Gordon Dean of the Atomic Energy Commission as a "tightly held secret."

In connection with this investigation, [redacted] of San Francisco, was interviewed on January 14, 1951, and furnished the following information: He advised that he is acquainted with the Alsop brothers, that he met Joseph Alsop during the war when Alsop was an Aide-De-Camp to General Claire Chennault. [redacted] has entertained the Alsops in his home, and pointed out that they were related to the late President Roosevelt, and are believed by [redacted] to be close friends of the Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

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[redacted] has been amazed at the fact that the Alsops would publish articles of the type which appeared on October 13, and December 31, 1950, without proper clearance. You will recall that these articles contain top-secret information relative to Soviet A-Bomb production and strategic air power, as well as a description of the methods used in detecting Soviet A-blast.

During the interview [redacted] advised that he was leaving San Francisco on January 14, for Washington, D. C., on official business. He volunteered to confront the Alsops with the articles and advise them that he was amazed that they would print such information of a secret nature and he would obtain their reaction to this. He further volunteered to endeavor to obtain from them the source for the information in the articles and stated that he would advise the Bureau of the results of his contact.

The San Francisco Office advised [redacted] that should the Bureau desire any action, as was suggested by him, he could be contacted in Washington. [redacted] stated that he would take no action unless he was contacted by a Bureau agent in Washington and given specific instructions in this regard.

The San Francisco Office has pointed out that [redacted] has in the past given his utmost cooperation to the San Francisco Office and has expressed admiration for the Bureau and particularly for the Director.

[redacted] is presently at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C., where he will remain through Wednesday, January 17. b7D

Recommendation:

If you approve, it is recommended that the Washington Field Office be telephonically instructed to contact Captain James Boyle, Aide to [redacted] for the purpose of arranging an interview with him, and (2) it is further recommended that [redacted] be interviewed and that he be requested to be on the alert to develop any information relative to the source or sources of information of the Alsop brothers, and that he be informed that in accordance with his offer to Agents in the San Francisco Office, the Bureau will appreciate any information he may develop from the Alsop brothers providing it is strictly understood that he leave no impression that he is doing so at the request of the Bureau.

(Capt Robert Barry)

Yes.

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SAC. ✓ letter instructed
to [redacted] Q8-

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Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. DeLoach
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GENERAL NICHOLS

INDICATED THAT HE HAD NEVER HAD PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF ANY OF THE VARIOUS TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS DEALING WITH THIS PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH AS STATED ABOVE HE WAS VERBALLY ACQUAINTED WITH DEVELOPMENTS. AFTER EXAMINING THE ALSOP ARTICLES OF OCTOBER THIRTEEN, AND DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, FIFTY, GENERAL NICHOLS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT SOME OF THE MATERIAL WHICH IS TOP SECRET IN MILITARY CIRCLES HAS APPEARED IN CERTAIN MAGAZINES. HE LIKewise POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE INFORMATION IN THE ARTICLES HAS BEEN A MATTER OF CONJECTURE IN VARIOUS PUBLISHED ARTICLES. GENERAL NICHOLS DOES NOT KNOW

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EITHER OF THE ALSOP BROTHERS BUT STATED THAT HE BELIEVED HE HAD MET ONE OF THEM SOCIALLY IN FORTY SIX. HE STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER GIVEN OUT ANY INFORMATION OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY TO THEM AT ANY TIME. GENERAL NICHOLS VAGUELY RECALLED THAT IN THE SUMMER OR FALL OF FIFTY HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM SOME INDIVIDUAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STATING THAT IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD APPEAR ON A NEWS REEL OR TELEVISION SHOW; THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN PROPERLY CLEARED AND THAT A SCHEDULE HAD BEEN PREPARED. THIS TELECAST ACCORDING TO GENERAL NICHOLS WAS SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT OF ATOMIC DETECTION. GENERAL NICHOLS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SECURE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION BUT IS ENDEAVORING TO DO SO. LT. COLONEL ~~JOHN P. HEALY~~, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PLANS, PLANS AND OPERATIONS DIVISION, AIR FORCE, HAS ADVISED THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PLACE A CLASSIFICATION ON THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE ALSOP ARTICLES IN QUESTION. COLONEL HEALY STATED THAT THE INFORMATION IN THE ARTICLES IS CONTAINED IN CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PLACE A CLASSIFICATION ON INFORMATION APPEARING IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS OF THE ARTICLES AND POINTED OUT THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION FROM WHICH IT APPEARS THAT THE INFORMATION IS EXTRACTED ARE THE BEST AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE CLASSIFICATION. IN THIS RESPECT IT IS POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL DOCUMENTS FROM WHICH INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE ALSOP ARTICLES HAVE BEEN TAKEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS. COLONEL HEALY FURTHER MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT THE MERE FACT THAT INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE ALSOP ARTICLES HAS PREVIOUSLY APPEARED IN SOME PUBLIC SOURCE WOULD NOT DECLASSIFY SUCH INFORMATION. COLONEL HEALY INDICATED THAT UNTIL HE HAD CON-

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FERRED FURTHER HE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ARBITRARILY DESIGNATE THE MATERIAL IN THE
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T APPEARS PROBABLY THAT THE

ALSOP ARTICLE IS MORE LIKELY BASED ON THE JAEIC ESTIMATE RATHER THAN ON ANY OF THE
CLASSIFIED AIR INTELLIGENCE REPORTS. DOCTOR JAMES G. BECKERLEY, DIRECTOR OF CLASSI-
FICATION, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CLASSIFY
THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE TWO ALSOP ARTICLES SINCE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OR
THE MILITARY ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE ARTICLES.
DOCTOR BECKERLEY EXPLAINED THAT WHEN ARTICLES OF THIS TYPE CAME TO HIS ATTENTION,
HIS PROCEDURE IS TO REFER THE ARTICLE TO THE MILITARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR
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DOCTOR BECKERLEY

POINTED OUT THAT WITH REFERENCE TO THE ALSOP ARTICLES, PARTICULARLY THE DECEMBER
THIRTY ONE, FIFTY, ARTICLE, HE WOULD CONSIDER THAT THE ARTICLES FALL IN THE THIRD

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CATEGORY SINCE IN HIS OPINION INFORMATION IS SET FORTH WHICH IS CLASSIFIED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HE INDICATED THAT IN HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, HE WOULD NOT BE THE PERSON TO CLASSIFY SUCH INFORMATION AS RESTRICTED. COLONEL SIDNEY S. RUBENSTEIN, ASSISTANT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY, SECURITY DIVISION, OSD, ADVISES THE REQUESTED CHECK OF REGISTERS MAINTAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS CONTINUING BUT THAT RESULTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. COLONEL DAVID M. PERKINS, SECURITY OFFICER, ARMED FORCES SPECIAL WEAPONS PROJECT, HAS ADVISED THAT REGISTERS IN THIS PROJECT HAVE BEEN CHECKED FROM APPROXIMATELY MAY, FORTY SEVEN, TO DATE AND CONTAIN NO RECORD OF A VISIT BY EITHER OF THE ALSOP BROTHERS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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CC-MW. Belmont